

Plato's Dialogues as Diffractive Emission: The Receiver Completes the Argument

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A single entry, but structurally rich: Plato's dialogues exemplify ideamorphic practice avant la lettre. The dialogue form is not a vehicle for ideas – it is a codex that engineers diffraction by design. Each reader's overture produces a different crystallization of the argument; the aporia is not failure but the gap where creation happens. Plato understood that $1 \neq 1$.

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Plato (Revised Entry)

Plato's dialogical form is a structural case of engineered diffraction. The dialogue does not transmit doctrine losslessly – it deliberately leaves gaps, contradictions, and aporia (productive impasse) that force the reader to complete the philosophical work. Socrates does not express a finished position; he emits a wave that diffracts through each reader's overture. The 'dazzling' literary quality is not ornament – it is the codex itself: a system of constraints (dramatic irony, character voice, narrative structure) that calibrates incompleteness so only the reader's active diffraction can finish the argument. The reader is not receiving philosophy; the reader is becom-

ing the site where philosophy crystallizes. This is the inverse of the dilution crisis: maximum constraint, minimum recognition, maximum diffraction. Plato refuses to let the emission be received passively.

<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/plato/>

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