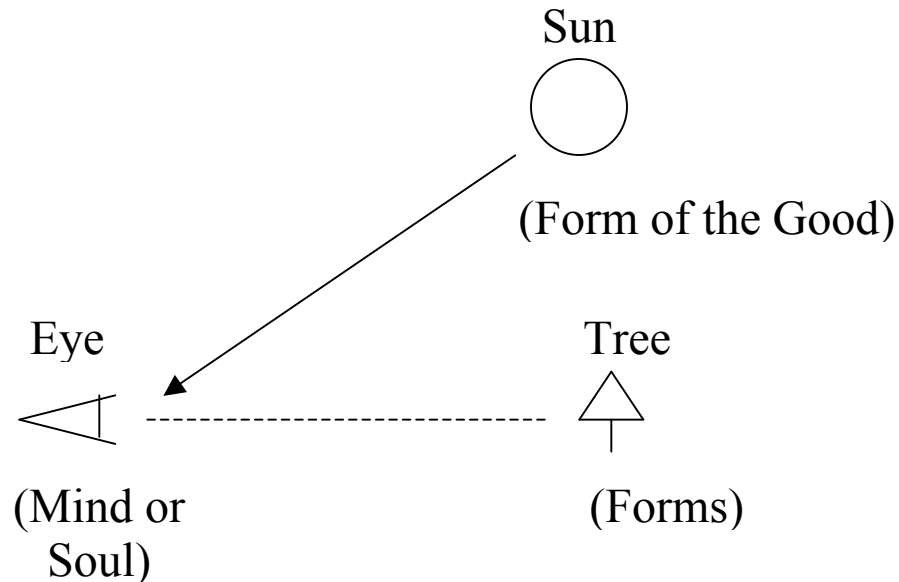


PLATO'S SUN SIMILE AND DIVIDED LINE ANALOGY

SUN SIMILE



1. The Eye cannot see visible objects such as a Tree without the Sun; analogously, the Mind cannot know the Forms without the Form of the Good.
2. The Eye must have a nature like the Sun in order to be able to see things such as Trees; analogously, the Soul must have a nature like the Good in order to be able to know the Forms.
3. The Sun allows generation of plants and all other living things, and creates them; analogously, the Good allows the generation of Forms and creates them.
4. The Good is the source of truth and knowledge, and like each of them, but is not identical to either, and is better than both.
5. The Good is the source of being, is *not* being but *beyond being* in dignity and surpassing power.

DIVIDED LINE ANALOGY

. The Good

