

Principles and Definitions from Plato's *Euthyphro*

Axioms for the Discussion

- A0: Religion and the nature of piety are rational matters (4e)
- A1: The pious is the same in all instances, similarly the impious is the same in all instances (5d)
- A2: Piety and impiety are always the opposites of each other (5d)
- A3: The character of piety will be found in whatever is pious (5d)
- A4: Piety is the paradigm pattern (*paradeigma*) we grasp when we know piety (6e)

Euthyphro's Definitions of Piety (or Holiness)

- D1: What Euthyphro is doing right now with his father is pious (5d-e)
- D2: What is pleasing to the gods is pious, what is not is impious (7a)
- D3: What is pleasing to all the gods is pious, impiety is what they all hate (9e)
- D4: Piety is that part of justice which has to do with the careful attention which ought to be paid to the gods (12e)
- D5: Piety is the science of prayer and sacrifice (14b)
- D5': Piety is the science of how to ask from and give to the gods (14d)
- D5'': Piety is the art of conducting commerce between gods and men (14e)