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# Plato's Political Philosophy

— the Philosopher-king, rule of Law  
and political System of a state (politeia) —

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This report provides Plato's main texts concerning his political Philosophy, and my comments on it, especially on his idea of philosopher-king in his later works.

I think that Plato continues to hold the idea and realization of philosopher-king in his last years.

1. Plato's political thought is thoroughly based on Socratic thought that politics should aim at cultivating virtues of people.
2. The *Republic* describes a picture of the ideal of philosopher-king in the context of the main theme of the work (What is justice?) and need not to give an account of rule of law.
3. The *Statesman* explains the relations between the true statesman (philosopher-king) and rule of law according to the main theme of the work (What is a true statesman?), and (firstly in his works) a basis of classification of politeia.
4. The *Laws* propose the model of particular and second best state under rule of law, but in this work Plato doesn't abandon the idea

and realization of philosopher-king but even suggests its realizing by cooperation of a supreme legislator and a young and moderate tyrant (Book IV).