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BA-3, Paper-6, Unit-1 (C2)Dr. Pragya Rai, Asst. Prof. Pol. Sci.
Maharaja College,~~JULY 2009~~Platonic Communism of Property

In the third book of his famous work The Republic, Plato has explained his theory of communism of property. In the first place the guardians may be allowed to keep only the minimum property with them. No guardian should be allowed to have a home or a treasure which is only his own. He should be provided materials to be used just as it is provided for others. He may be given only so much as is neither short of nor more than necessary. Guardians are not allowed either to possess or even to touch silver and gold. Only in this way can they defend their states. If they are allowed to possess and store gold and silver, land and animals, they will become ordinary household persons full of selfishness and egoism. They will thus fail to protect the state and involve in personal rivalries and conflicts.