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Plato's Philosopher King

According to Plato, a state should be led by a king who has certain qualities. He called it Philosopher King. He also explained some qualities of Philosopher King which can be understood by following points:

Of the three classes of Plato's society the philosopher class represents the wisdom. It stands in need of a particular

type of education which can be understood in Plato's education theory.

2- Plato prescribed communism of family and personal property for philosophers and Philosopher King.

The reasons behind this was they may live as members of the joint family free from the attachments of personal family.

3- According to Plato, the Philosopher King must be altruistic and must consider the good of the

state was as the highest good. This altruism is encouraged by communion of personal property and family.

4- The Philosopher King must be well educated because an able administrator should be a scholar of philosophy and a good politician. Therefore Plato devised a long education system for the rulers which aimed at establishment of an oligarchy of Philosophers.

5- Plato's Philosopher King will be an authoritarian. Plato entrusted absolute

power in the hands of the
Philosopher king. But he
will never ~~be~~ misuse this
power because he is
very well educated about
the correct use of
power.