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Philia and Justice in Plato's Republic

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Philia (friendship) has rarely been discussed as a theme in the *Republic* except by G. Vlastos (1981), whose evaluation was negative. I will analyse the following four arguments concerning friendship in the *Republic*, and put forward theories as to why Plato placed friendship at the core of justice.

- 1. Definition of justice in Book IV: "Become one's own friend" (Rep. 443d5)
- 2. the case of Leontius in Book IV: Internal tension within parts of a soul
- 3. A tyrant in Book IX: Friendless and solitary
- 4. "War" and "Civil war" in Book V: natural friends

Analysis of these texts confirms that Plato's arguments aim at human perfection through internal tension and conflicts in one's own soul. This means that Plato considers friendship to be in one's relationship with oneself, not others. By virtue of this connection between friendship and justice Plato shows that justice is not a mere social contract but a human virtue and that both justice of souls and of a city have a common characteristic.