

## Diogenes, Zeno & Cynics

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1. Diogenes
  - a. Student of Antisthenes
  - b. Disdain for others, believes Plato is arrogant/prideful
    - i. Gives Plato a plucked chicken as a present -> Plato defines man as 2 footed featherless animal
    - ii. Claims he can't see Platos tableness only tables
      1. Plato's response -> Diogenes has eyes but no intellect
  - c. Asks Alexander the great to block the sun
  - d. Characterizes Socrates as a madman -> he is as mad as Socrates
  - e. Opposes natural to law and reason to suffering
  - f. Lived in a barrel or tub
2. Cynics
  - a. Chief good is to live according to virtue
  - b. Men should live simply
    - i. Despise riches, glory and noble birth
  - c. Self-Sufficiency
  - d. Virtue can be taught, once achieved it can't be lost
  - e. Be indifferent to everything not connected to virtue or vice
  - f. Wanted to abolish logic and natural philosophy
  - g. Only the good should be studied
3. Zeno
  - a. Too modest to be a cynic
    - i. Had a sense of shame
  - b. Honored by Athens for encouraging men to practice virtue
  - c. Worked to avoid large crowds
  - d. Not a happy man, always frowning
  - e. Man of abstinence and endurance of simple habits