

The Matrix & Plato's Allegory of The Cave

The Cave	The Matrix
A prisoner is able to comprehend the reality of the cave and the real one outside the cave.	Neo is trapped in a false reality created by a simulators. This simulators was created by machines that took over the planet.
Prisoners are chained to massive wall watching shadows on the wall. They are completely unaware the reality they think they know is false.	Just as the prisoners in the cave, Neo is chained to massive wall where machines harvest his body heat to power themeselves. Neither the prisoners nor the people in the matrix realize that they are prisoners ; they are completely unaware the reality they think they know is false.
Prisoners are physically chained.	The dark cave in the Matrix is virtual stage. People are mentally chained , furthering their belief that they are free though they're not. This prevents them from doing anything for their imprisonment.
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Plato's prisoners live in a world or a cave , controlled by 'The Form' holders.	<p>Neo lives in a world which is controlled by The Matrix.</p> <p>Morpheus said to Neo "...<i>You are a slave, Neo. Like everyone else you were born into bondage , born into a prison that you cannot smell or taste or touch, a prison for your mind. "</i></p>

THEME

Both Plato's Republic (The Allegory of The Cave) and The Matrix is the idea of human's limitations in knowledge.

'The Matrix' manifests these limitations not only in the characters' acquisition of knowledge, but also of their ability to break physical limitations that captive humans are still subjected to.

Just as Neo is able to perform physically impossible feats once he learned to manipulate the Matrix, the philosopher is able to learn the infinite wisdom once he breaks free from the cave.

Knowing his limits and knowing that they are not real, Neo can accomplish anything in the Matrix, such as fast moving, slow motion, stopping bullets in mid-air and flying.