Book IX

In this book, Plato pretty much concludes his discussion of justice as seen in the state and returns to the theme of justice in the individual, where he left off in Book II. In Book II he states that justice is better than injustice. In Book IX, he gives three arguments to support this position. Summarize them:

1. Argument No. 1: The tyrannical man vs. the just man (580c)

2. Argument No. 2: The human soul: (580d ff.)

3. Argument No. 3: True pleasures: (581c ff.)

Book X

1. In 596c and ff., Plato gives his view of the lack of utility of the visual arts. Explain his argument in the analogy of the couch.

2. In 603a and ff., in what ways are painting and poetry "lies"?

3. In 605b, what are the dangers of art?