

Platonic Dualism Revisited

The soul is located and extended in space, is capable of locomotion, and interacts with the body through contact. In the *Phaedo*, Plato appears to advance exactly these claims. However, numerous interpreters have insisted that he cannot mean them literally, since they take these claims to be incompatible with Plato's dualism. I argue that Plato is indeed committed to these claims, that they are compatible with his dualism, and that they offer him certain explanatory advantages.