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Plato: The World Is the Handiwork of a Mind

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1. Allen states that, "when people call for purging Greek philosophy from Christian theology, unless they are referring to specific ideas or concepts, they are really calling for the end of the discipline of theology itself, though they may not realize it." Explain.
2. Allen points out that the question of God's existence and how it can be known is a pressing one not just for Philosophy of Religion, but also for Natural Theology. Why?
3. Why does Allen think that the claim that God created freely makes God unknowable in essence or being?
4. How and why does Plato's *Timaeus* extend the city-soul analogy of the *Republic* to the Universe?

