

Socrates' Defense:

Anytus - Athenian politician, is dangerous (according to Socrates)

Socrates is considered evil for questioning the heavens and earth below.

Making others seem bad. Only positive light is on Socrates

Argument: The plaintiffs have a history of being bad vs Socrates not doing bad for long

[What did Socrates do?]

[Did Socrates do it?]

The defense is a teacher that gets paid - which is apparently a big deal around Greece

Socrates is famous because a great prophetess told him that there was no man wiser than him

[Is this the origin of the saying, "none the wiser"?)

Socrates wanted to know how he was the wisest of men

The god cannot lie to him, so it had to have been unless he could find someone wiser than himself

He found that these supposedly wiser men, politicians, were not actually wise because they thought they knew when they really did not know.

He made enemies of them

[Why was Socrates wise?]

[What is wise?]

Dithyrambic - intoxicated with enthusiasm

He came to the same conclusion with wise poets

Turns out the Oracle was saying that Socrates wasn't wise at all - no men are wise so being the wisest is like being the tallest dwarf.

His investigation to see who was the wisest led to him forming a lot of enemies with got him to where he is today - the hearing.

Because of Socrates conclusion (that no man can be wise, only God) many people are his enemies because they take offense to his comment

He is brought up to court on charges of slander from three of the people he found to not be wise

I think the accusers are the real slanderers of Socrates

Meletus takes the stand and is v stubborn about how he believes that Socrates is the only citizen that is bad for the yutes of today

Meletus accused Socrates of being an Atheist and corrupting the youth

Meletus doesn't understand that Socrates can believe in the gods and not believe in every aspect of their religion

[why is this so hard to believe?]

Socrates states that he will obey God rather than Meletus because he is the only one that matters in the end

Socrates argues that it will be a bigger injustice towards God to have him killed rather than letting him continue on doing as he pleases

He spoke about how he has an inner voice that tells him right from wrong

[Ethics???????? Wink wink****]

People who speak up about what's right seem to get killed IE this situation

Socrates asks members of the crowd to come forward if they believe he has corrupted them or their youth

Socrates wraps everything up nicely saying he was accused of not believing in God, but he dO

They find him guilty om!

Many people sided with Socrates, but not enough because more people seemed to know the other two men that were arguing alongside Meletus

He was accused of being an atheist and the accusers are the slanderers

Socrates states that he couldn't lie because it would be a disobedience to a divine command; therefore everything he said was completely true

He ded

YOOOOO

He was wise for saying/realizing he wasn't wise

Everyone really does hate them for killing ThE Socrates

He is very self aware of the history he is making

[Did he know Plato was recording everything?]

[Did he tell Plato to record everything?]

He would rather be with God than live amongst the evil slanderers who wanted to watch him die