



The Ladder: Escaping from Plato s Cave (Paperback)

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ladder referred to in the title is the power of human reason, which provides the means of reaching
that light. Has anyone ever succeeded in reaching it? I do not know. All I know for sure is that I am
not on the list of people who have. My goal in The Ladder is simply to help the reader do some
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