

Justice and Plato's *Republic*

"Until philosophers rule as kings . . . cities will have no rest from evils, Glaucon, nor, I think, will the human race. And, until this happens, the constitution we have been describing in theory will never be born to the fullest extent possible or see the light of the sun."

— Plato, *Republic*, 473d–e (trans. G. M. A. Grube, revised C. D. C. Reeve)

1. Can the troubles of society/humanity end? How?
2. Should Philosophers, or those who love knowledge, be our presidents, kings, and leaders? Is this Just?
3. How are Political Power and Philosophy different?
4. What does Justice look like to you?

