

Socrates vs. Thrasymachus

Justice is the interest of the stronger
"Might is Right" - Paul

The ~~Just~~ Just Man is always a Loser

Unjustice = Wisdom/Virtue

Justice is the interest of those in charge

NO its not

Argument - Rulers Make mistakes

Argues that Art promotes the advantage
of the weaker

The Best Ruler is someone whom protects
himself

Socrates

Argument

What is justice?

happiness

that which benefits all

virtue

wisdom, goodness

good judgment

govern well

Cephalus vs. Socrates

- Repaying one's debts prevents fear of the next world
- Money is the chief evidence of one's creativity
- Character is more important than money
- Wealth strengthens virtue
 - character needed too

Justice: Telling the Truth &
Paying one's debts

* The above definition of justice does not apply when dealing with crazy or irrational people.

Socrates vs. Polemarchus

Justice: giving each man his due

• benefits friends, injures enemies

What does Socrates do to dismantle argument:

- gets opponent to agree that justice is an art
- key problem is being a good judge

What is Plato's goal?

- define justice
- Portray complexity of concept
- Persuade reader
- See wisdom of Socrates (voice)
- Show importance of questioning
- test our assumptions
- question: is the just man happy?
- help others understand through questions
- defend philosophy
- ask "is the just man successful?"
- ask "how do you live the best life?"

Cardinal virtues : courage, temperance,
wisdom, justice

Christian " : faith, hope, love