

# **A comparative study of the concept of justice and its impact on the idea of the desired rule according to Imam Khomeini (peace be upon him) and Plato**

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## **Abstract:**

In order to examine the concept of justice and its effect on the desired rule considering two views that have been examined in this writing meaning Plato's and Imam Khomeini's view first values should be analyzed since the concept of justice and the idea of the desired rule are from the kind of value phenomena and that matter can be examined using a method that has to do with norms.

The subject that proclaims that the best kind of a rule is a rule that behaves based on justice since a long time ago has been noticed by many political thinkers.

The desired rule of Imam Khomeini and that gets visualized in the shape of the guardianship of the religious jurisprudence mainly is influenced by his particular understanding of the concept of justice.

Also Plato believes that one of the particularities of the desired rule is justice and rule should be based on that. Plato's utopia has no end but the coming true of justice. According to Plato the only individual who has the merit to rule the society is the philosopher because that has the justice attribute.

Plato's utopia and that has been put forward in the book titled the republic has an ideal system based on justice and elites rule. Also Imam Khomeini (peace be upon him) believes that the concept of justice is a moral and Godly one and accordingly he begins discussing justice from discussing God who is wise and that spreads to the perfect human being meaning his Eminence the most generous prophet. Therefore, the concept of justice according to Imam Khomeini smacks more of mysticism. But according to Plato that which is the axis is Man.

According to him although the world of creation has been created during a special order by the creator and the world is based on a natural order human being should establish justice so that they can have comfort. In total both Imam Khomeini's (peace be upon him) thought and Plato's thought basically have justice at their axis however though their understanding of the

elements of the dialogue of justice has some similarities they are different and as a result Imam Khomeini's (peace be upon him) desired rule basically smacks of being moral- religious and is based on mysticism while the desired rule of Plato is based on acquired knowledge.

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