

PD35 - Plato's ring myth, and gods

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My impression from the podcast was that Plato was saying that we're only just to avoid negative consequences and that injustice is more advantageous. The purpose of the ring (the ring of Gyges) is to avoid detection, to which [PD35](#) seems to me to be a direct response:

It is impossible to be confident that you will escape detection when secretly doing something contrary to an agreement to not harm one another or be harmed, even if currently you do so countless times; for until your death you will be uncertain that you have escaped detection. [PD35](#)

[PD34](#) and [PD17](#) are also related to this, but [PD35](#) seems directly tied to the ring problem.

[PD34](#): *Injustice is not bad in itself, but only because of the fear caused by a suspicion that you will not avoid those who are appointed to punish wrongdoing.*

[PD17](#): *One who acts aright is utterly steady and serene, whereas one who goes astray is full of trouble and confusion.*