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Wade Williams, Journal Entry 3, *Moral Egoism*

After reading what Glaucon states in Book 2 of Plato's *Republic*, I felt like I had to disagree with what he said based on my own actions and feelings. Glaucon states that man by nature will do what is considered unjust actions, because being unjust is easier and it provides better rewards than following society's belief that everyone should act according to the laws, which are considered just. Glaucon's example of the story about Gyges made me think about (Lord of the Rings) what I would do in that situation, if I had the power to become invisible whenever I wanted. Honestly, I feel like I would abuse some of the power, but I would also be driven to find uses with the power that I could use to help people.

Glaucon states that laws in society were developed because man chose to have either justice or injustice, so laws were formed as a compromise. I appreciate the idea of questioning my own moral standards, and examining my own thinking about morality. I feel like I am a good person, and I do good things. And part of the reason I volunteer and donate is because I feel like it is the responsible thing to do, and that not enough people will volunteer or donate. I am also driven to make a difference in the world, because I am inspired by other people that have made their life work to enact change for a better world, and to protect the world that we live in. I consider myself an unselfish person, and I receive peace of mind and satisfaction and self-pride for all of my efforts to be a good person.