from The Republic
by Plato (circa 428 – 347 BCE)

"No man would keep his hands off what was not his own when he could safely take what he liked. Then the actions of the just would be as the actions of the unjust; they would both come at last to the same point."

* This is the author's central claim.

Summary of key claims
Glauccon concludes from his story that, given complete freedom, both just and unjust men will act ultimately with self-interest.

Evidence: Glauccon uses a story as evidence.
- Shepherd finds magic ring that makes him invisible
- He seduces a queen and kills the king
- He takes over the kingdom.

Therefore, a just or an unjust man would do the same thing.