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As Chapter 1 notes, social contract theories of justice go back to the Sophists and Epicureans of classical Athens and the Hellenistic world. Plato has Glaucon, his brother, state the idea in the second book of *The Republic*. Glaucon is made to expound the theory so