

## **State of Republic (Plato) and Thirukkural (Valluvar) in Political Philosophy – A Comparative Study of Their Thoughts on Justice**

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### **Abstract**

In the present era, the concept of Justice is considered paramount for the foundation of a nation. It is necessary for the citizens of a country to lead their lives with equality, freedom, and rights. Therefore, political philosophy extensively discusses the concept of justice; in this regard, the political philosophies of Plato and Thiruvalluvar are noteworthy. This research article aims to comparatively analyze the thoughts of Plato and the Eastern philosopher Thiruvalluvar on the concept of justice in their respective political philosophies. This comparative study is titled “State of Republic (Plato) and Thirukkural (Valluvar) in Political Philosophy – A Comparative Study of Their Thoughts on Justice”. The general objective of this study is to compare two ethical theories about justice, especially Western and Eastern thought. This study is based on secondary data and employs methods such as the life method, distributive method, explanation method, analysis method, and comparative method. In the realm of Tamil literature, Thirukkural occupies a prominent place in political philosophy. Thiruvalluvar’s political thoughts are considered significant, similarly, in Western political philosophy, Plato’s political thoughts hold a significant position. Therefore, this research attempts to explore the similarities and whether they are sufficient in their perspectives on justice.

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