



On Gambling:

Gambling, is it a just and acceptable act?

- Gambling is act of using chance to win/lose money.
- Discussion of just/unjust lies within the ability to make money with no effort/work.
- ① Gambling is acquiring wealth with chance without effort/work.



Prove unjust



Prove noble/Just
- An unjust man acquires wealth through unjust measures and avoids at all costs just actions.
- So either the gambler is just and acquires wealth through just means and avoids at all costs unjust actions.
or
The gambler is unjust and acquires wealth through unjust means and avoids just actions.

- ② Is the acquisition of money through work noble?

○ Is a farmer just in so far as his acquisition of money?
- Through work for money.

○ Is the teacher just in so far as his acquisition of money?
- Through the teaching of knowledge in return for money.

Therefore the acquisition of money through work/effort is indeed noble.

Bringing Back Point ①

② Proven to be just

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There is no greater wealth than life therefore we shall use this as the substance of argument.

- Would the trial of a man on possible death row be just if down by chance?

- No, because if the man was indeed not at fault then an innocent man has been killed.

Therefore the acquisition of wealth by chance is not correct.

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Finally Bringing Back ①

- ① Gambling is acquiring wealth with chance without unjust effort / work, just

- An unjust man acquires wealth through unjust measures and avoids at all costs just actions.

- So either the gambler is just and acquires wealth through just means and avoids at all costs unjust actions.

or
The gambler is unjust and acquires wealth through unjust means and avoids just actions.

▷ This slide is the correct choice here.

Therefore, the gambler is no more than an unjust man.