

## **SOCRATES CHAMPIONED HUMANISTIC VALUES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Socrates championed “humanistic values” of social justice – and this has been a “universal conversation” – not exclusive to any particular culture.**

- 1) The belief in the potential goodness, dignity, value and agency, of ‘all’ human beings.
- 2) To support the goodness and agency of human beings → He believed that these humanistic values should be supported by analytic and systematic social inquiry
- 3) A society based on reason – that uses intellectual/ rational methods – in the pursuit of the ‘rational’ society
- 4) The analytic and systematic pursuit of social justice.
- 5) \*\*\*Justice is the well being of others – Justice is the affirmation of others → [therefore, we have to attend to social relationships and social structures]
- 6) For modern social science – [the Socratic question about ‘the well-being of other’ this has come to mean [for one thing] fairness in thinking about – systems for the distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society
- 7) The study of “social disparities” in wealth, opportunities, and privilege → “patterns of inequality”