

For the Love of God

# POVERTY IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

Early Christian Attitudes to the Poor

**Describe a time in your life  
when you were confronted  
by the reality of poverty  
and/or inequality.**

**(PAIR & SHARE)**

# GLOBAL HUNGER BY THE NUMBERS



9.1%

Roughly 733 million people experienced hunger (chronic undernutrition in 2023). They did not have consistent access to enough energy-giving food for a normal, healthy, and active life.



28.9%

An estimated 2.33 billion people in the world were moderately or severely food insecure in 2023. They had to reduce the quality or quantity of food they ate, ran out of food sometime during the year, or went an entire day without eating.



35.4%

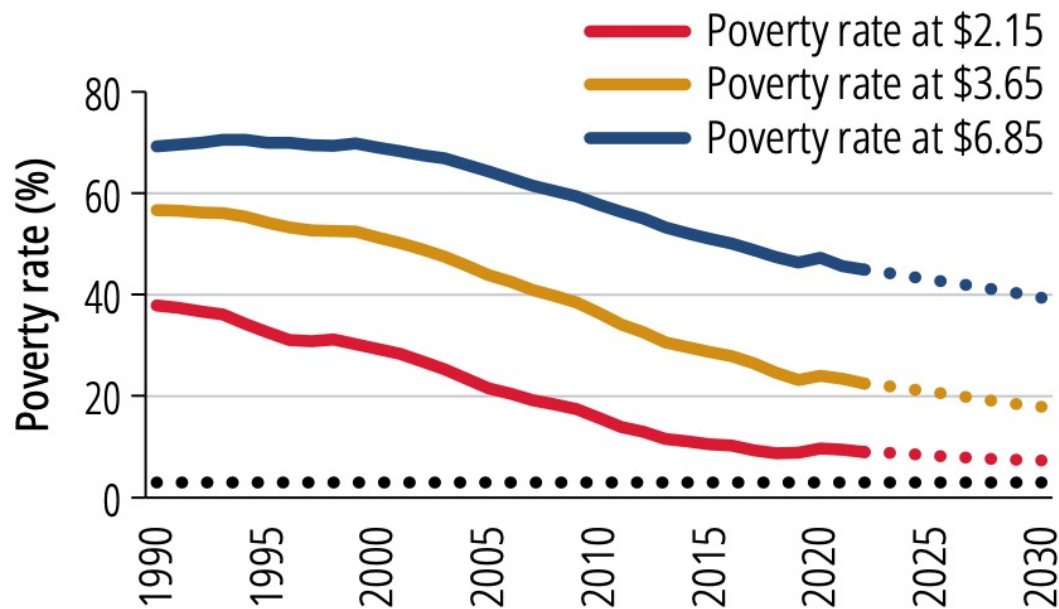
More than 2.83 billion people could not afford a healthy diet in 2022.



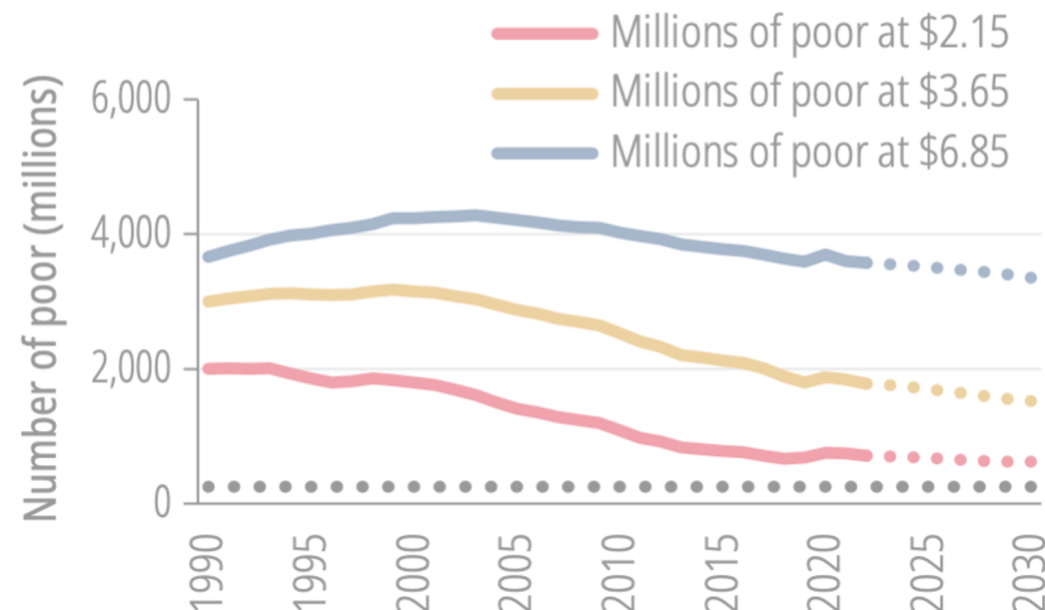
Fight Hunger with Knowledge  
**Hunger Notes**

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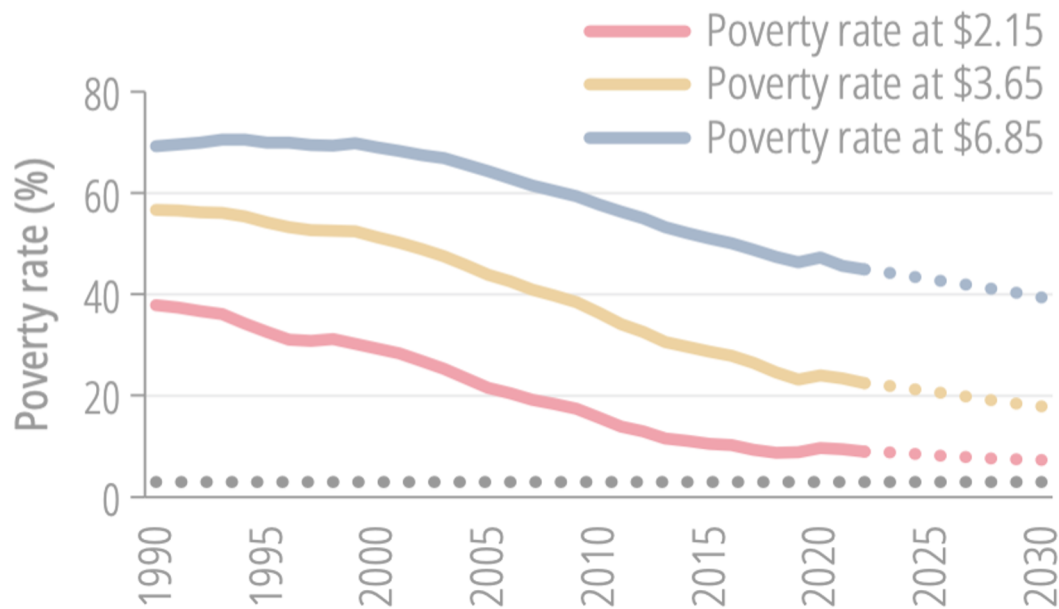


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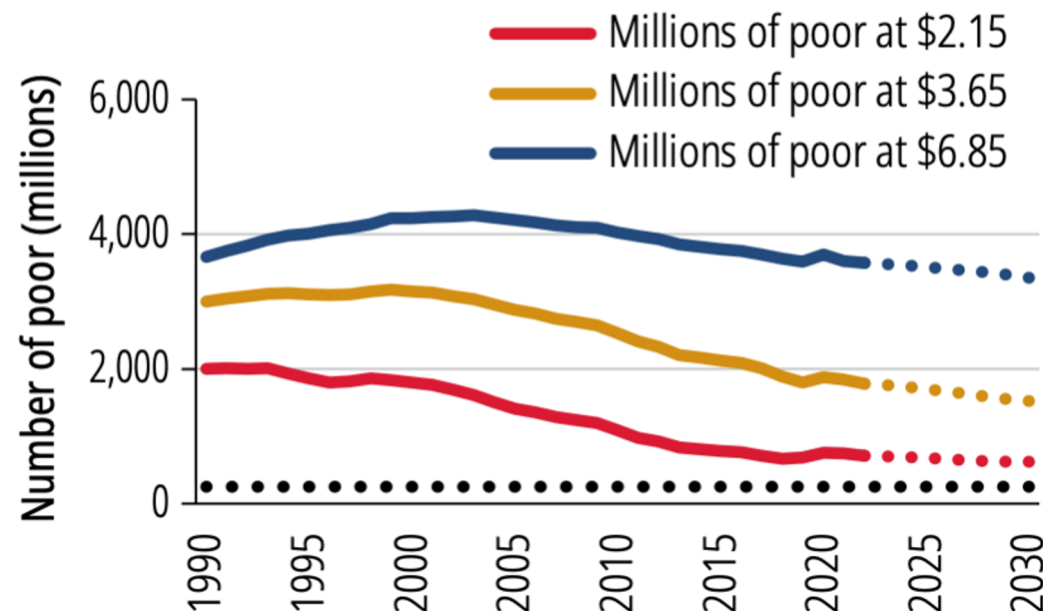


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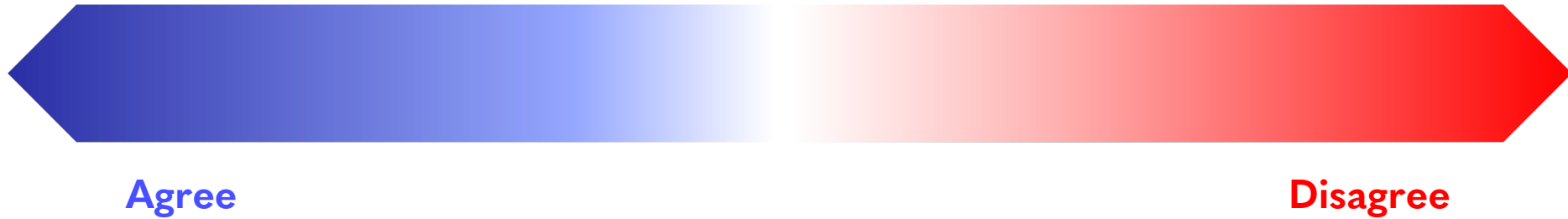
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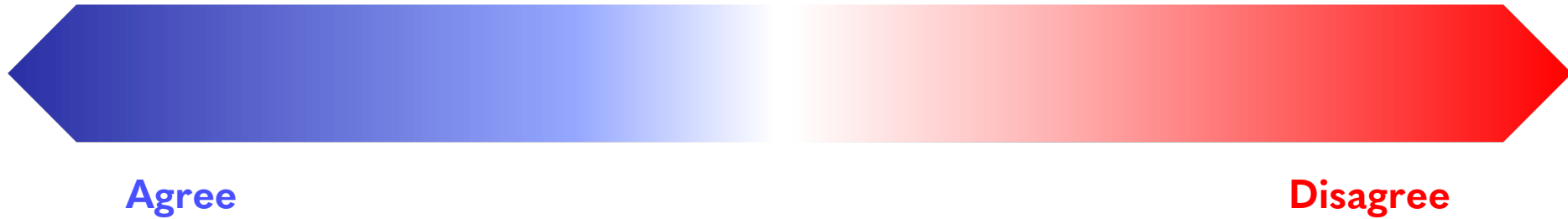
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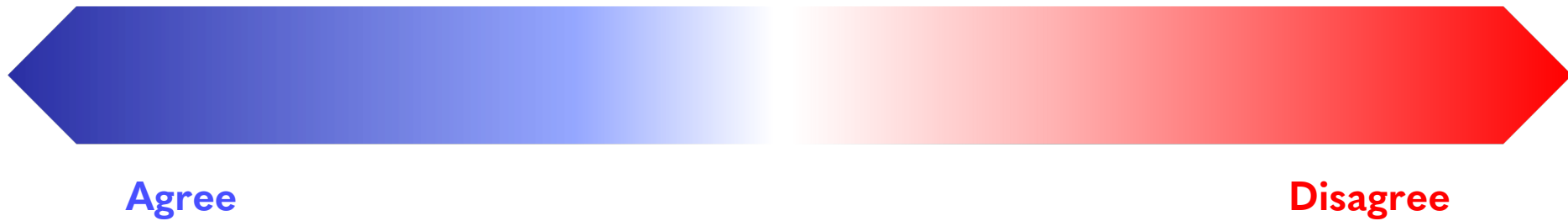
# Pineapple should never be found on Pizza



# You can't call chess a sport

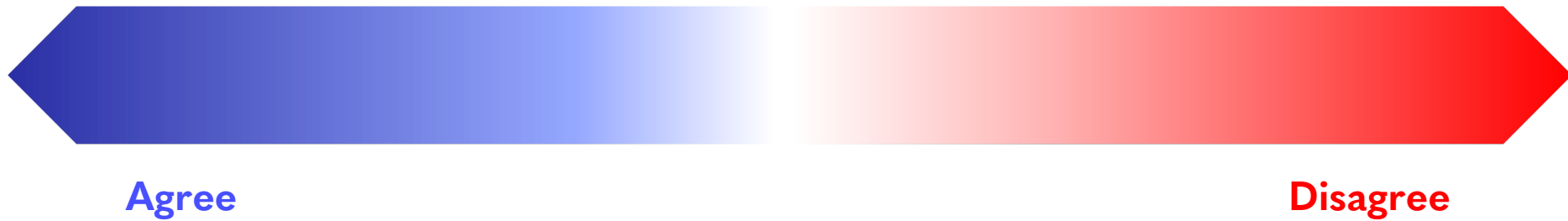


# The moon landing never really happened

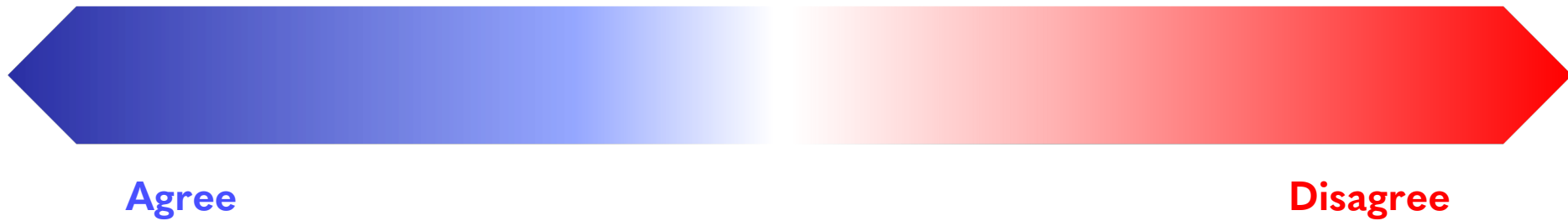




**Marvel movies are an  
insult to our intelligence.**



# Poor people deserve to be poor

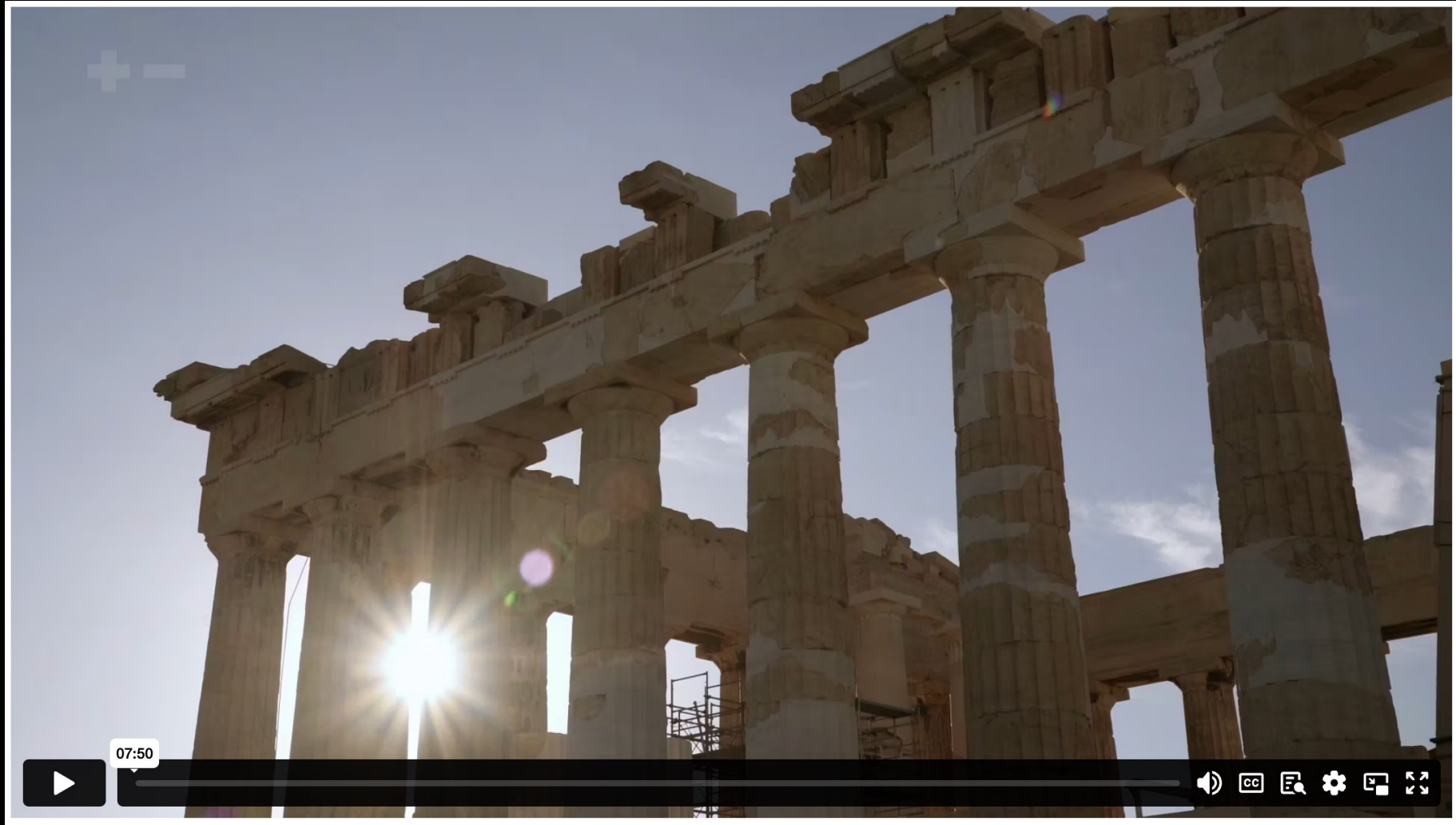


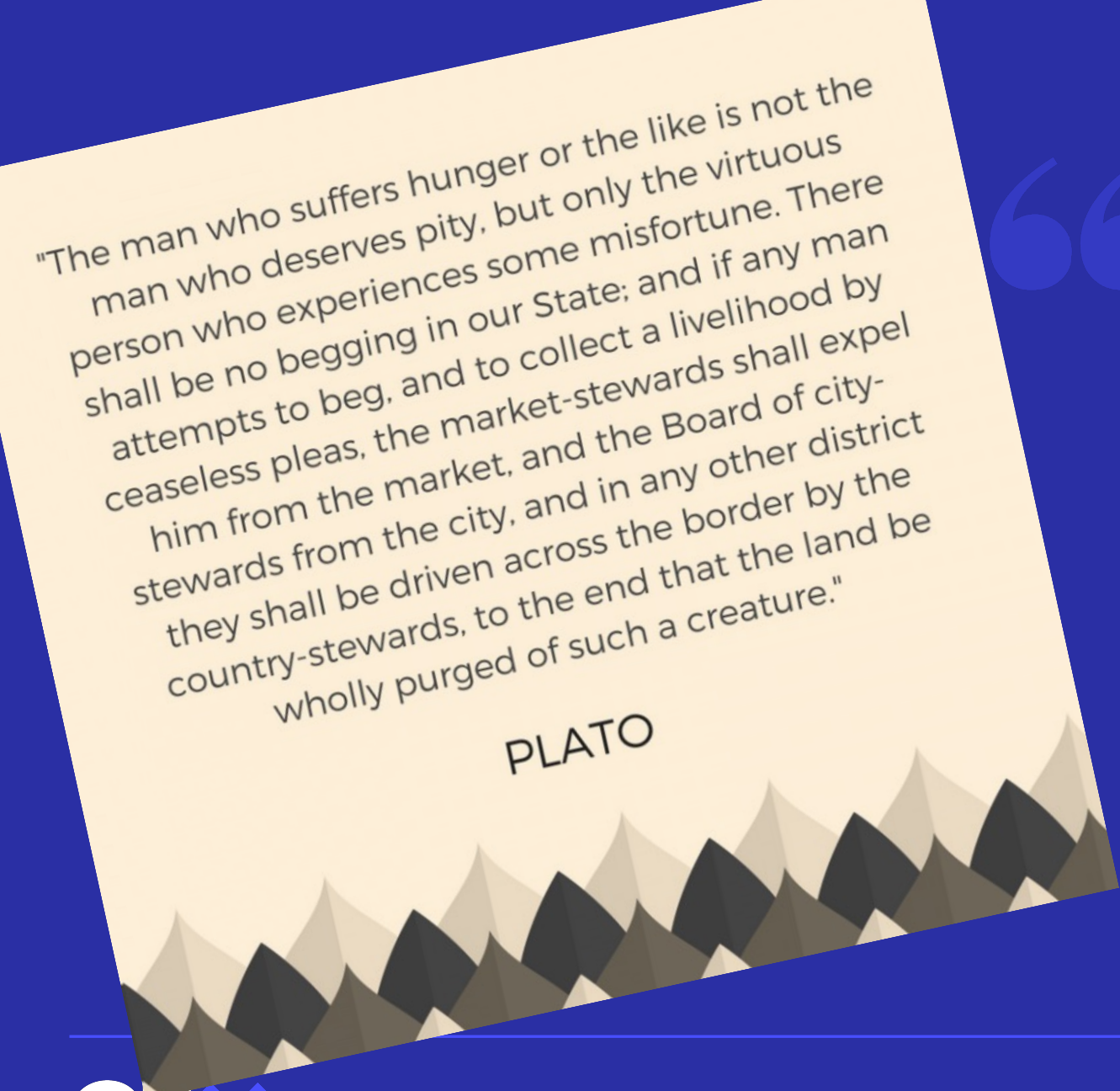
# Those who are wealthy have a responsibility to help the poor



# Giving to the poor is mostly about getting something back in the process







"The man who suffers hunger or the like is not the man who deserves pity, but only the virtuous person who experiences some misfortune. There shall be no begging in our State; and if any man attempts to beg, and to collect a livelihood by ceaseless pleas, the market-stewards shall expel him from the market, and the Board of city-stewards from the city, and in any other district they shall be driven across the border by the country-stewards, to the end that the land be wholly purged of such a creature."

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"The rational principle does not look only at the present on each occasion but at the cycles of time before, and also at the future: making slaves out of those who were bad masters before; and, if men used wealth badly, making them poor; and causing those who killed unjustly to be killed in their turn. There is certainly no accident in a man's becoming a slave. We must conclude that the universal order is forever something of this kind."

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# COMPARE & CONTRAST

Stoics	Christians



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The Christian insistence that if those things are good they are good for everybody and they are always good – I think that was transformational for the Roman world and then for the Christian world and is perhaps the single greatest contribution of Christianity to public life.



- 14:31 Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker,  
but helping the poor honours him.
- 19:17 If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord –  
and he will repay you!
- 21:13 Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor  
will be ignored in their own time of need.
- 29:7 The godly care about the rights of the poor;  
the wicked don't care at all.



<sup>16</sup> We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion – how can God's love be in that person?

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