

HOW
SHOULD
ONE LIVE?

The Major's Cabin Aristotle

Due Wednesday, November 2

Sophie's World

PHILOSOPHY FROM CLASSICAL GREECE

SOCRATES

- 470 - 399 BC "
- NO WRITINGS "
- WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT SOCRATES WE KNOW FROM PLATO "
- REFUSED TO ACCEPT PAYMENT LIKE THE SOPHISTS "
- NO KNOWLEDGE TO OFFER, EXCEPT THE AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR MORE KNOWLEDGE "
- VICE IS THE RESULT OF IGNORANCE; NO PERSON IS WILLINGLY BAD "
- EVERY PERSON HAS FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ULTIMATE TRUTH WITHIN THE SOUL; ONE ONLY NEEDS TO BE SPURRED TO CONSCIOUS REFLECTION "
- PHILOSOPHER'S TASK: TO PROVOKE PEOPLE INTO THINKING FOR THEMSELVES RATHER THAN TEACHING THEM SOMETHING THEY DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW (SOCRATIC METHOD) "
- STRESSED THE NEED FOR ANALYTICAL EXAMINATION OF THE BASIS FOR ONE'S BELIEFS (PRESUPPOSITIONS).

SOCRATES WAS EXECUTED FOR CORRUPTING ATHENIAN YOUTH (FORCED TO DRINK HEMLOCK)





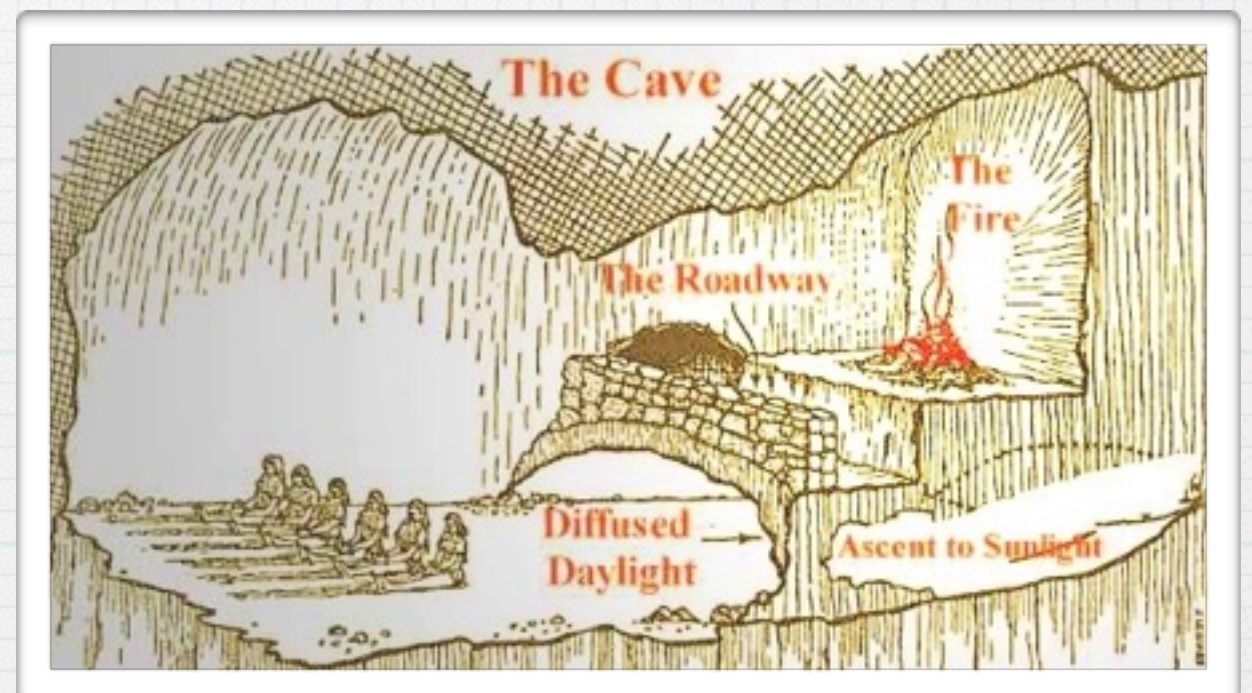


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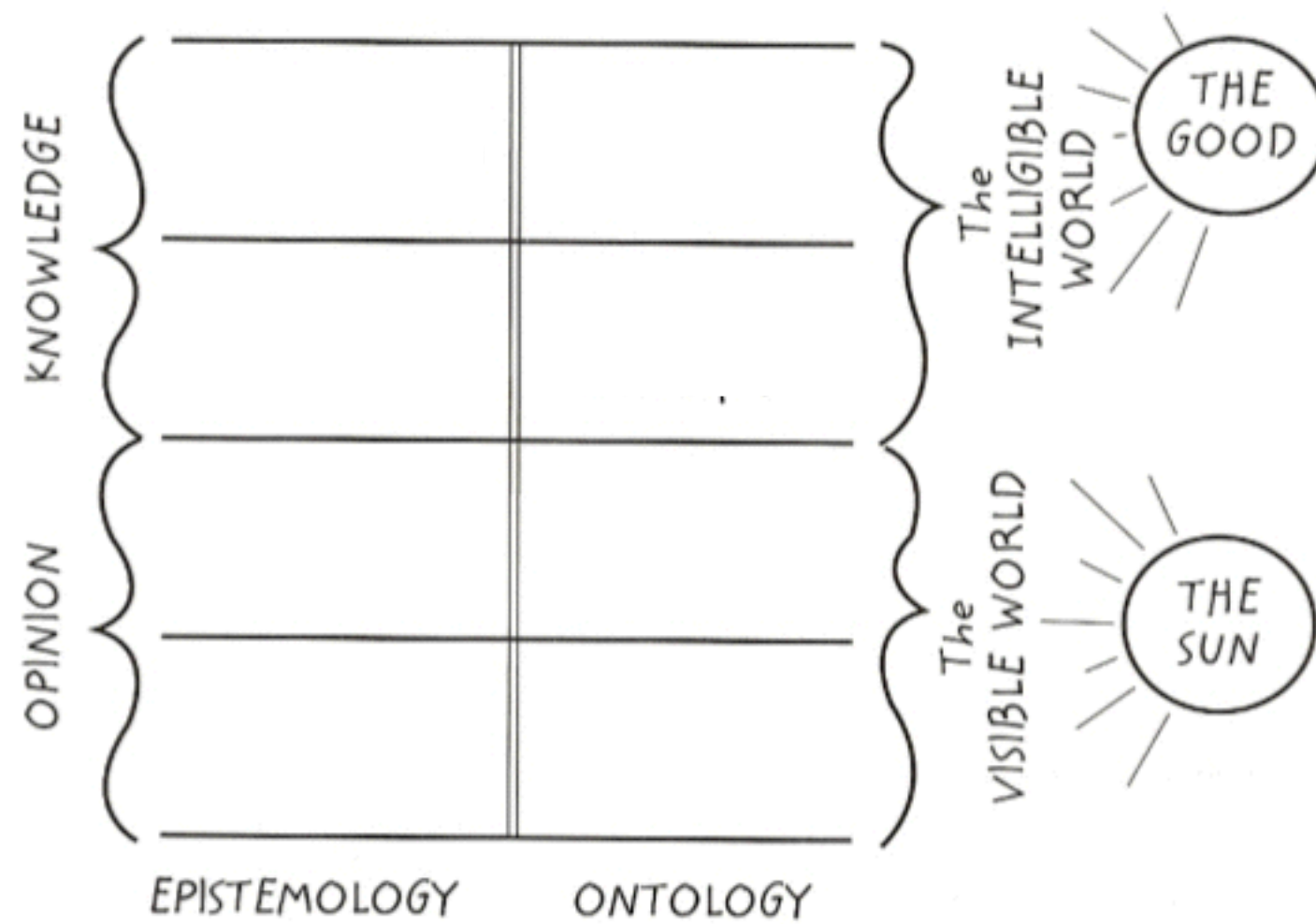
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PLATO

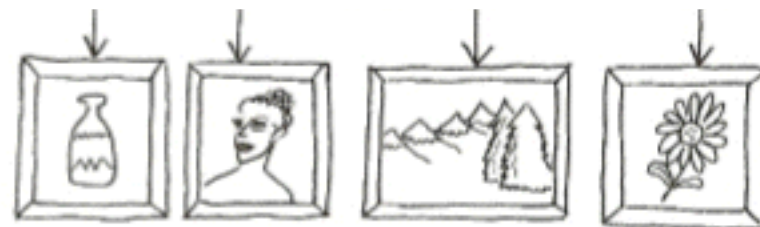
- CIRCA 428 - 348 BC "
 - FOUNDED THE ACADEMY (FIRST UNIVERSITY IN THE WEST) "
 - DIALOGUES OR LECTURES "
 - THE REPUBLIC "
 - CAVE ALLEGORY "
 - FORMS / IDEAS : "
 - REAL "
 - UNCHANGING "
 - INTELLIGIBLE "
 - UNIVERSAL "
 - EXAMPLE : "
 - MATHEMATICS "
 - GOD (SUN IN ANALOGY) "
- MATERIAL REALM : "
 - SHADOWS "
 - SENSORY "
 - ILLUSORY "
 - CAN'T BE TRUSTED "
 - NO ONE HAS SEEN A TRUE CIRCLE YET WE KNOW WHAT IT SHOULD LOOK LIKE



PLATO



PLATO



Imitations of
Beautiful Entities
(paintings, photos,
reflections, shadows)

PHILOSOPHY

PLATO'S POLITICAL THEORIES

- OBJECT OF GOVERNMENT IS THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE; NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH WHAT PEOPLE WANT."
- JUSTICE: CONDITION IN LIFE WHERE EVERY ONE IS DOING THE WORK FOR WHICH HE / SHE IS BEST FITTED "
 - THIS WAS DECIDED BY THE EDUCATION SYSTEM "
- THREE CLASSES: "
 - ARTISANS "
 - SOLDIERS "
 - RULERS / PHILOSOPHER-KING "
- ARISTOCRACY: GOVERNMENT IN WHICH A SMALL ELITE GROUP OF NOBLES RULE

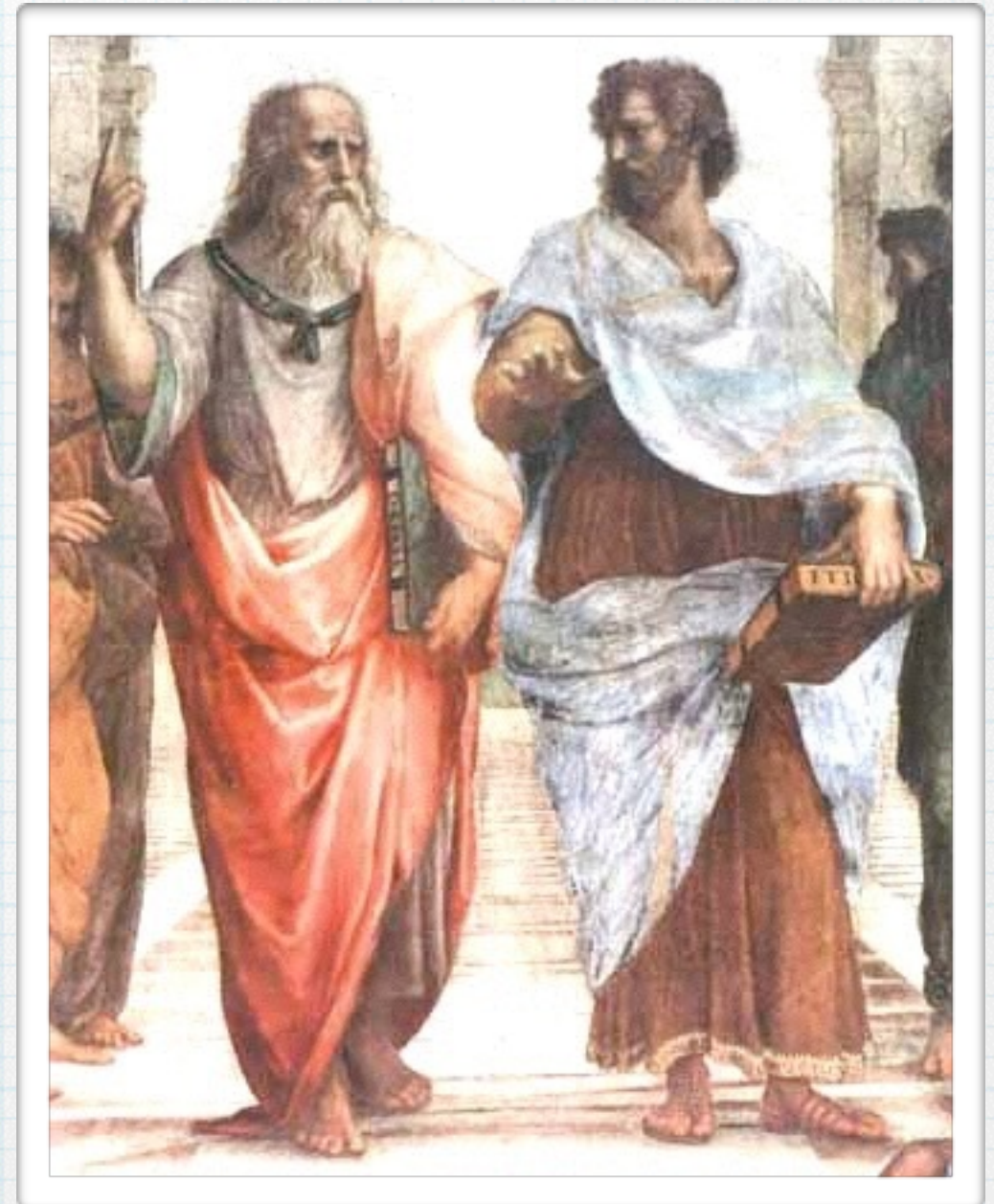
PLATO

- IDEAL INDIVIDUAL: INTELLECT CONTROLS THE DESIRES AND PASSIONS "
- IDEAL SOCIETY: WISEST INDIVIDUALS RULE THE PLEASURE-SEEKING MASSES

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PRESENTS

ARISTOTLE

- 384 ~ 322 BC "
- STUDIED AT PLATO'S ACADEMY "
- BECAME TUTOR OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT "
- FOUNDED A NEW SCHOOL CALLED THE LYCEUM. "
- REJECTED PLATO'S SHARP DISTINCTION BETWEEN FORMS AND THE MATERIAL WORLD "
- "THERE IS NOTHING IN THE INTELLECT THAT WAS NOT FIRST IN THE SENSES."

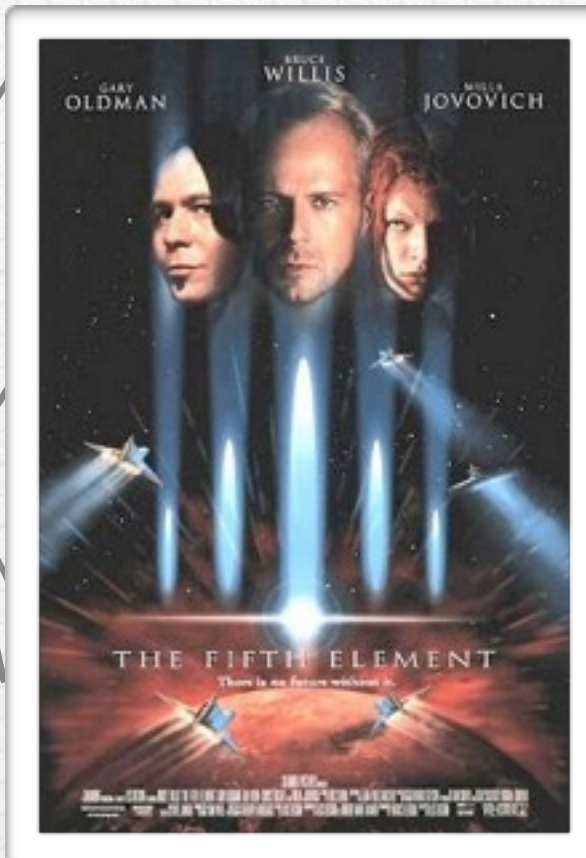


ARISTOTLE

Aristotle is the
teacher of those
who know.

-Dante

- PHYSICS (NATURAL PHILOSOPHY) “
 - UNIVERSE IS SPHERICAL WITH EARTH AT ITS CENTER “
 - 4 ELEMENTS: EARTH, AIR, FIRE, & WATER “
 - 5TH ELEMENT: ETHER OR AETHER (HEAVENS) “
 - MOVED IN CIRCULAR MOTION AROUND THE EARTH “
 - UNCHANGING “
 - OUTSIDE OF THE MORTAL WORLD “
 - BELIEVED THAT LINEAR MOTION OCCURS IN A RESISTING MEDIUM “

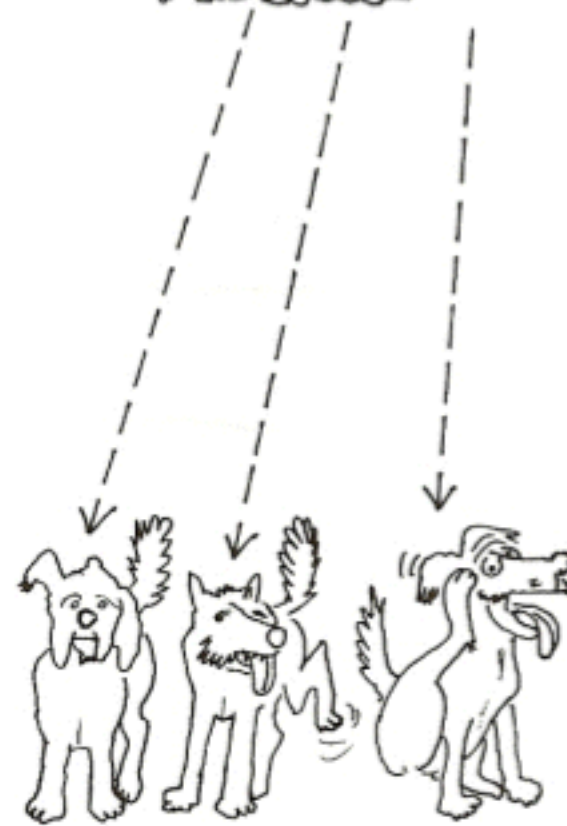


ARISTOTLE

- METAPHYSICS: BRANCH OF PHILOSOPHY CONCERNED WITH BEING AND DISCERNING REALITY OR TRUTH. "
- IT INCLUDES: "
 - ONTOLOGY: CONCERNED WITH BEING "
 - COSMOLOGY: CONCERNED WITH THE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE "
 - EPISTEMOLOGY: DEALS WITH THE NATURE AND GROUNDS OF KNOWLEDGE ESPECIALLY WITH REFERENCE TO ITS LIMITS AND VALIDITY.

ARISTOTLE

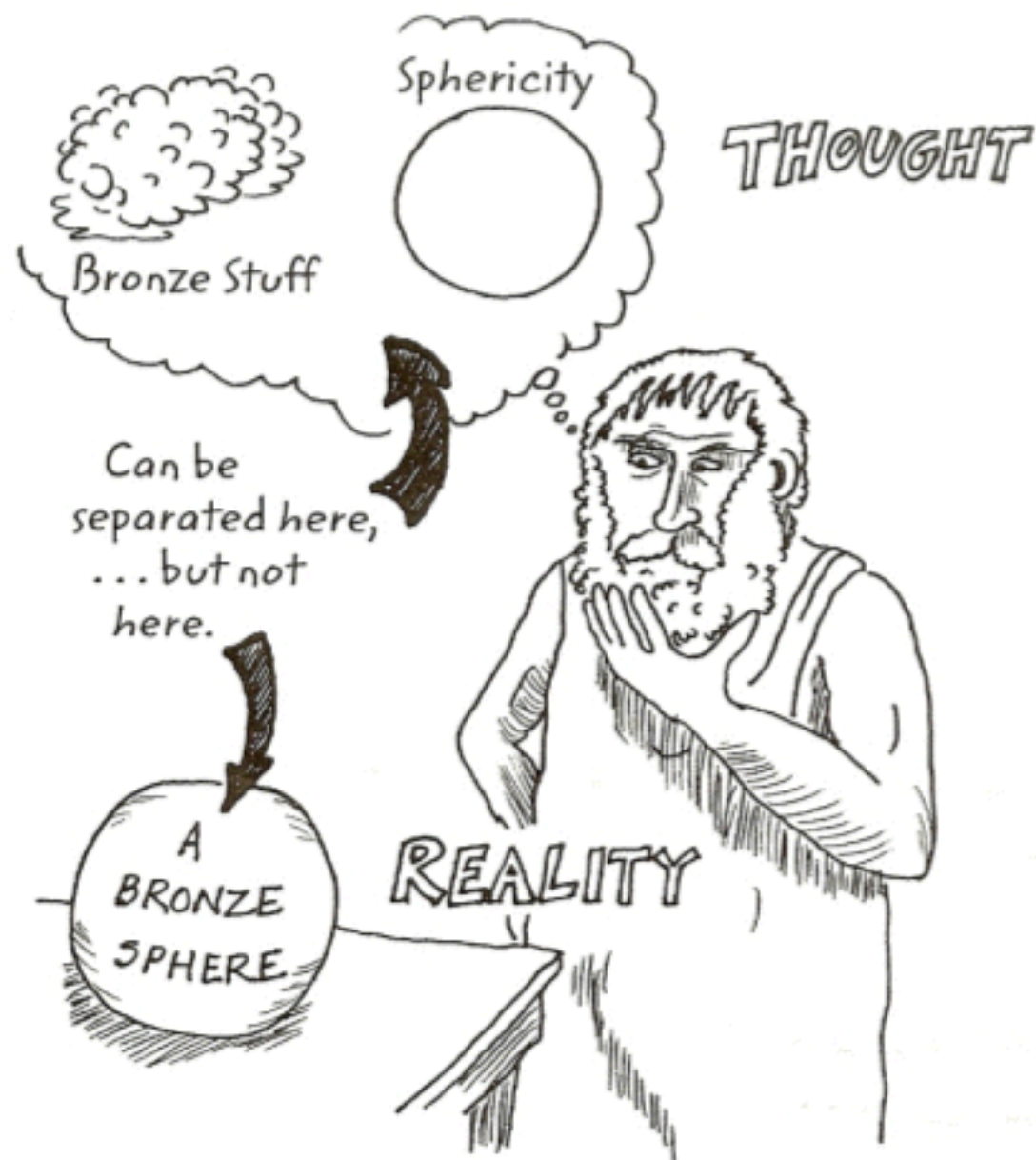
- REJECTED PLATO'S OTHER-WORLDLY CONCEPT OF FORM "
- YET HE WAS NOT A MATERIALIST "
- "WHAT IS A HOUSE?" "
- "WHAT IS A DOG?" "
- A THING IS WHAT IT IS BECAUSE OF ITS FORM "
- BUT WHAT EXACTLY DOES HE MEAN BY FORM?



Mere Dog Copies

This won't
do!





FOUR CAUSES (FOR A THING TO BE WHAT IT IS)

- MATERIAL CAUSE: (WHAT IS IT MADE OF?)
- EFFICIENT CAUSE: (WHAT ACTUALLY DOES OR MAKES IT?)
- FORMAL CAUSE: (WHAT GIVES IT THE SHAPE BY WHICH IT IS IDENTIFIED?)
- FINAL CAUSE: (WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE REASON FOR IT ALL?)

SCULPTURE EXAMPLE

Aristotle's concept of form, though not materialist, is grounded in the material world.

ETHICS

- MORAL VIRTUE IS THE MEAN BETWEEN TWO EXTREMES "
- (GOLDEN MEAN) "
- MODERATION IN ALL THINGS

FOOLHARDINESS	COURAGE	COWARDICE
PROFLIGACY	GENEROSITY	STINGINESS
VANITY	SELF-RESPECT	LOW SELF-ESTEEM
SHAMELESSNESS	MODESTY	SHYNESS

ETHICS

- INTELLECTUAL VIRTUE "
- ATTAINABLE ONLY BY MATURE ADULT MALES OF THE UPPER CLASS.



LOGIC

- SYLLOGISM: A KIND OF LOGICAL ARGUMENT IN WHICH ONE PROPOSITION IS INFERRED FROM TWO OTHERS "
- ALL BOYS LIKE CALL OF DUTY. "
- AARON IS A BOY. "
- TYLER LIKES CALL OF DUTY.

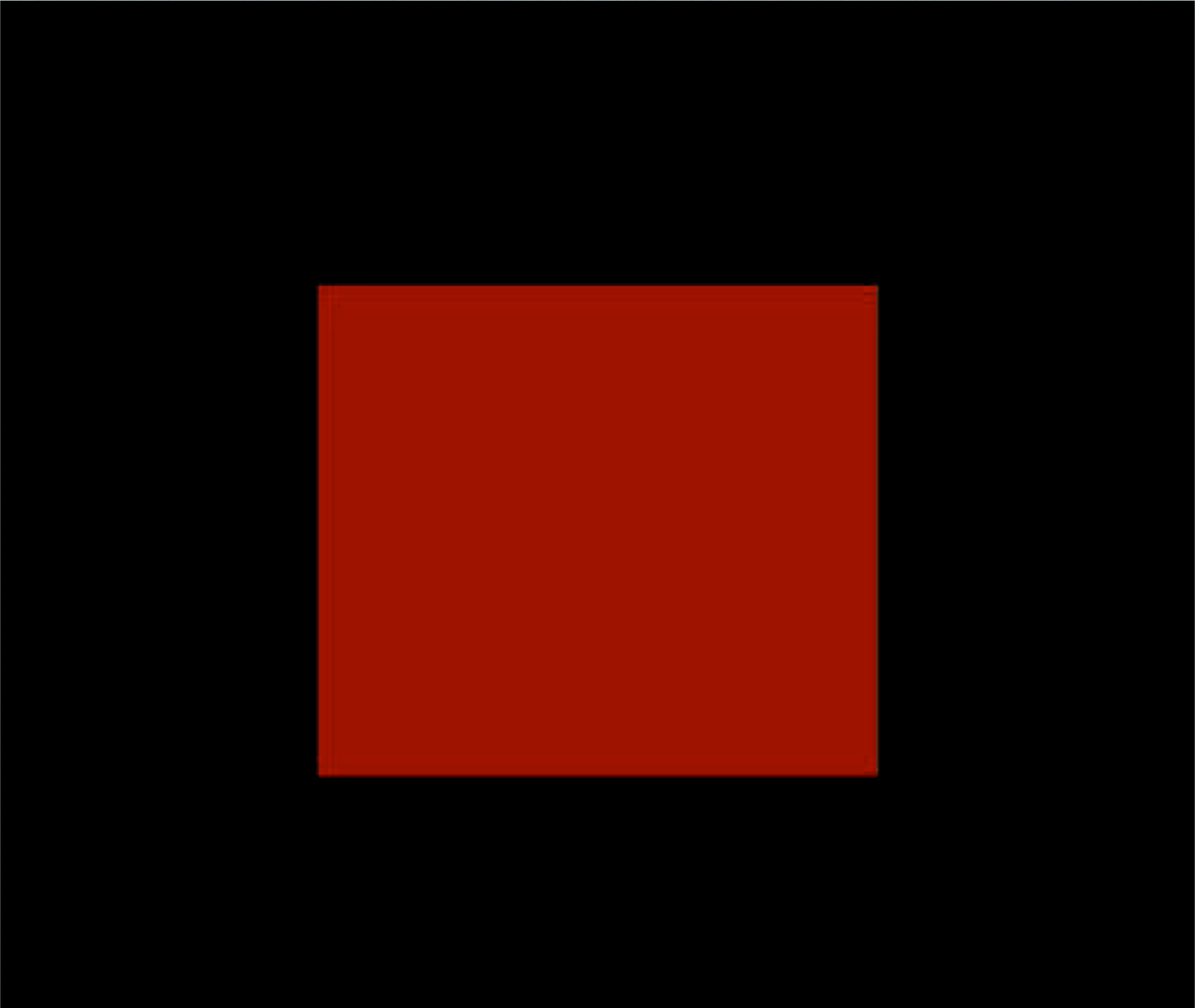
PENGUINS ARE BLACK AND WHITE.
SOME OLD TV SHOWS ARE BLACK AND WHITE.
THEREFORE, SOME PENGUINS ARE OLD TV SHOWS.



**Logic: another thing that
penguins aren't very good at.**

MAJOR WORKS BY ARISTOTLE

- *Organon* (collected works on logic)
- *Physics*
- *Metaphysics*
- *Nicomachean Ethics*
- *Poetics*



THE END