





- Great Chain of Being  
reflected justified



# GREAT CHAIN OF BEING

GOD



KING/POPE



WARRIORS/PRIESTS



ARTISANS/PEASANTS

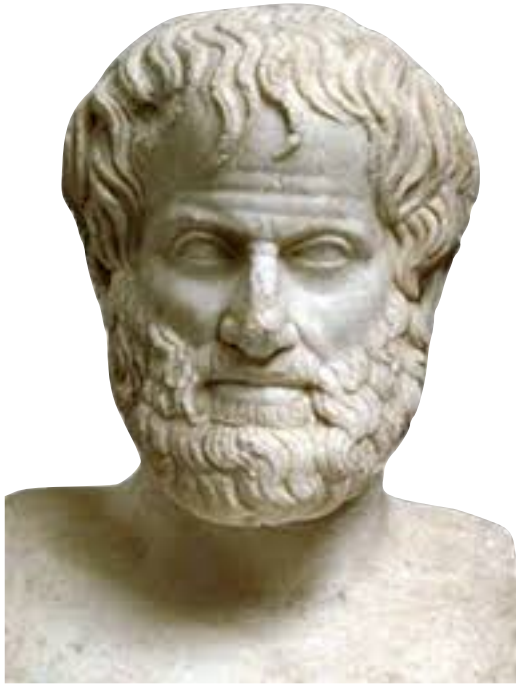


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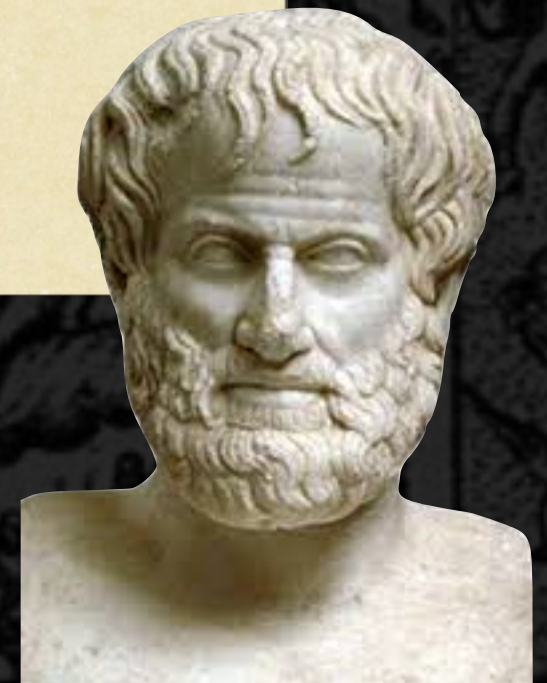
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# GREAT CHAIN OF BEING THEORY

- Aristotle's **Great Chain of Being** theory "**reflected** and **justified**" dominant hierarchies within society — both a product and reproducer of its culture.
- At the top of this framework sits a perfect cosmos, a God, followed by divine sovereignty on Earth and progressively less divine, more imperfect beings the further away the chain link is from the cosmos.





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