

GREAT CHAIN OF BEING

GOD



KING/POPE



WARRIORS/PRIESTS



ARTISANS/PEASANTS

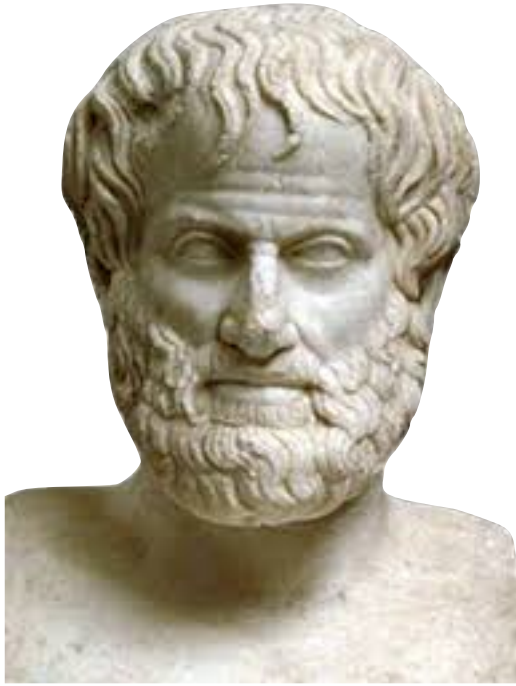


ANIMALS



EARTH

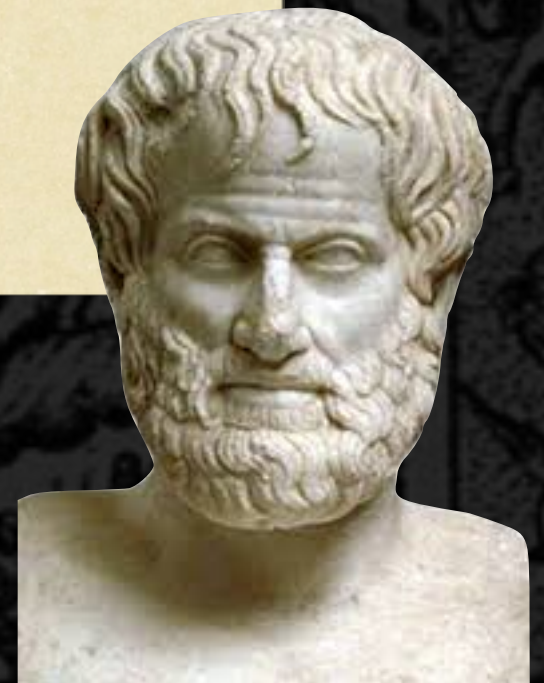
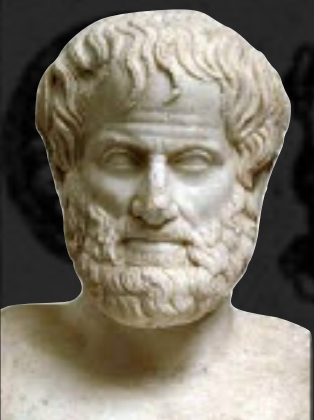






GREAT CHAIN OF BEING THEORY

- Aristotle's hierarchical view of nature was co-opted by Theologians in the Middle Ages.
- Everything had its place to maintain order in the universe, so intermingling and "jumps" to higher strata would disrupt this order.



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