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### Maimonides (Rambam) and His Texts

A major portion of the discussion is devoted to showing that Aristotle's and his followers' proofs of the eternity of the world are not really proofs. Such lives would have been free of frustration, pain, anxiety, and fear. In Chapter 54, which is the final chapter of the Guide, Maimonides distinguishes four species of perfection relevant to human beings.

### Maimonides

Maimonides had encyclopedic knowledge of Jewish law and one of his main projects was to try to organize the massive, complex body of interpretation, argument, and elaboration in a systematic, orderly manner.

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He argued that when the Messiah reigns there will be no fundamental change in human nature.

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For a thinker like Maimonides it is very difficult, and in some ways artificial, to separate his philosophical thought from his religious thought. To give but one example, the now universally accepted doctrine of the incorporeality of God was by no means accepted as fundamental before him and was probably an advanced view held by a small group of thinkers and philosophers.

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Instead what Maimonides means is that God is not in the class of things that are either powerful or weak in the normal sense of the term. Marx, in: JQR, 25 1934—35 , 374—81 he indicated his philosophic preferences explicitly.

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