

Revisiting Philosophical Underpinnings ... Looking back ... Looking forwards

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Caveats

- History - Just one thing after another!
- Plato, Aristotle, Hahn and others ...
- What is this thing called OE??? What did Hahn stand for?



Journey...



Why Look Back?

Plato / Aristotle



Hahn



Implications ...
Questions! ?



“An unexamined life is not
worth living”

(Apology 38a)





Two Branches of Education

...are not intended the one to train body, the other mind, except incidentally, **but to ensure a proper harmony between energy and initiative** on the one hand and **reason** on the other, so we may venture to assert that anyone who can produce the **perfect blend of the physical and intellectual sides** of education and apply them to the training of character, is producing harmony of far more importance (411e-412a).



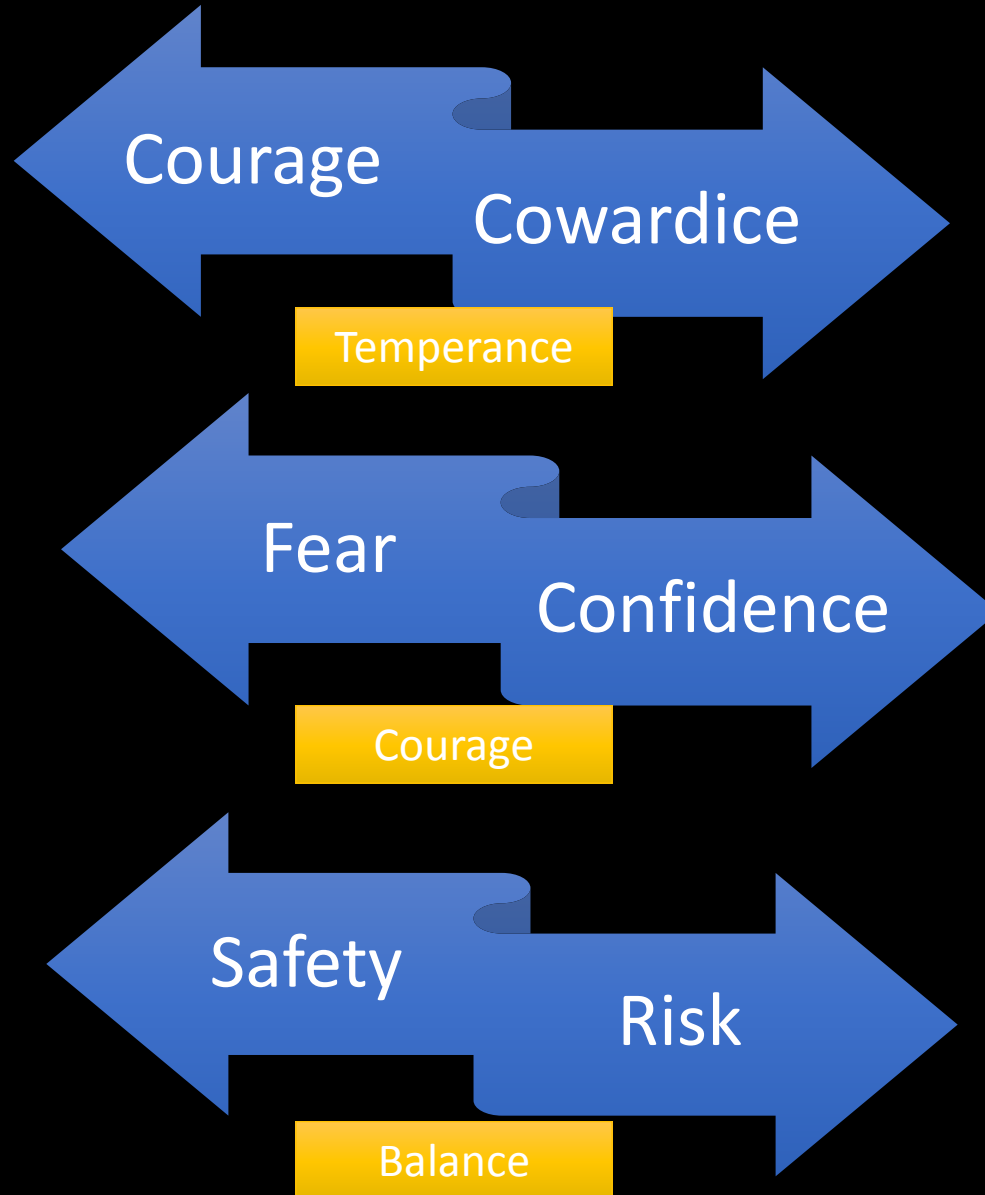


Aristotelian Philosophy


- A theory of moral life on the idea that virtue interpreted as a natural disposition towards human well being – moral wisdom.
- What is well being?
- What is flourishing
- What are you trying to achieve with OE?



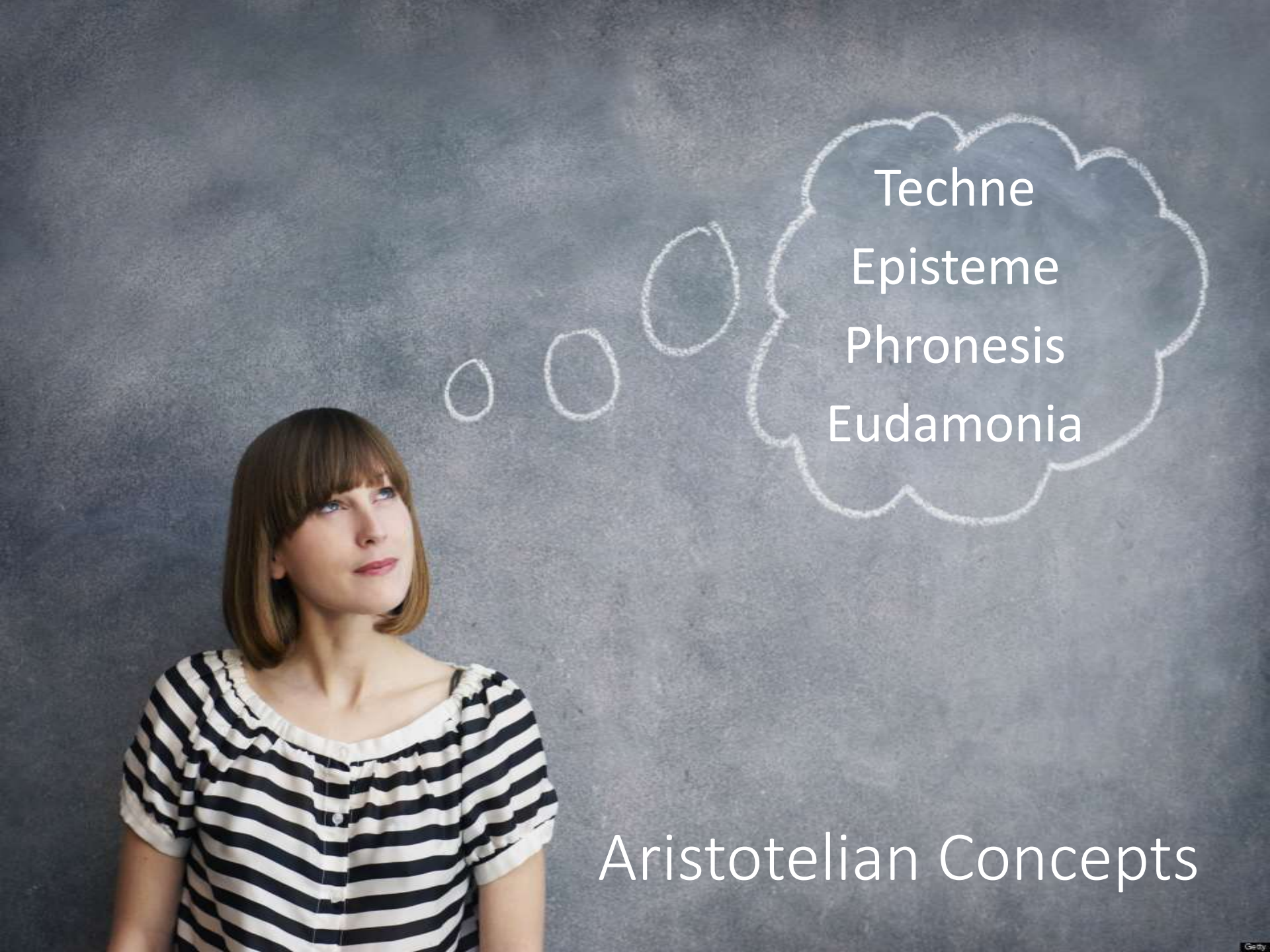
The Mean



“How does a man become virtuous?”

A hand is holding a yellow measuring tape against a green chalkboard. The tape is marked with numbers from 2 to 22. A white chalk arrow is drawn on the board, pointing upwards from the bottom of the tape towards the text on the right.

A man becomes virtuous by doing virtuous acts. He becomes brave by doing brave acts. He becomes kind by doing kind acts. People need opportunities to learn value-related skills and opportunities to put values in to operation. We do not become brave or courageous simply by talking about it or reading about brave deeds. This may help but people need practice.

A woman with brown hair and bangs, wearing a black and white striped shirt, is looking upwards and to the right. Behind her is a dark grey chalkboard. On the chalkboard, there is a thought bubble drawn with white chalk. Inside the thought bubble, the words 'Techne', 'Episteme', 'Phronesis', and 'Eudamonia' are written in white. The thought bubble is connected to the woman by three smaller circles of increasing size.

Techne
Episteme
Phronesis
Eudamonia

Aristotelian Concepts



Phronesis

Someone who knows how to exercise judgment in particular cases. An intellectual virtue which is required, according to Aristotle, in order to exercise any other virtues of character