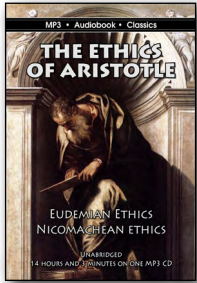


# Greek and Roman Philosophy

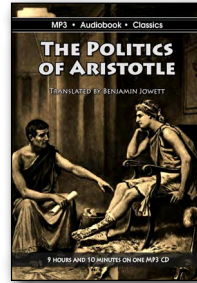


## The Ethics of Aristotle

Author: Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC)  
Eudemian Ethics translated by J. Solomon  
Nicomachean Ethics translated by Thomas Taylor  
Read by: Geoffrey Edwards  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Length: 14 hours and 43 minutes  
Genre: Classics, Philosophy

Aristotle coined the term "ethics" to define a field of study first undertaken by Socrates and Plato that seeks a rational answer to the question of how human beings should best live. He considered ethics as a practical study, along with politics and poetics and rhetoric. At the core is the notion of moral virtue, an excellence of character that develops in part due to upbringing and in part as a result of habits of action. He outlines four cardinal virtues of prudence, temperance, courage and justice, which combine in the continuing effort to achieve the highest human good. Reason is a critical component of virtue, as it is what sets humans apart. In his words, "The function of man is activity of soul in accordance with reason". This edition includes his two main treatises on Ethics. Chapters IV-VI of the Eudemian Ethics are identical to books V-VII in the Nicomachean Ethics and are omitted from the earlier group.

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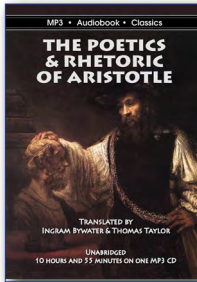


## The Politics of Aristotle

Author: Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC)  
Translated by Benjamin Jowett (1817-1893)  
Read by: Geoffrey Edwards  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Length: 9 hours and 10 minutes  
Genre: Classics, Philosophy, Political Science

*The Ethics of Aristotle* describes the means to the happy life of virtue intended by nature. In *The Politics of Aristotle* he describes the vital role the political community plays in fostering the well-being of its citizens. In doing so he surveys the types of communities and governments that existed and how many fall short of the ideal, which is a constitutional form. While many of his precepts and goals may seem unusual and outdated today, there is much that stands the test of time, in particular his belief in the need for active participation in politics, in the relationship of the well-being of the people to that of the community, and his analysis of factors that bring about stability and revolution. Many of the issues raised, notably the importance of the middle class and the role of wealth in a democracy, are as relevant today as they were then.

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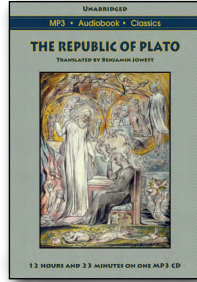
## The Poetics and Rhetoric of Aristotle

Author: Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC)  
Read by: Robert Foster (Poetics)  
Geoffrey Edwards (Rhetoric)  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Length: 9 hours 33 minutes  
Genre: Philosophy, Psychology

*Poetics* is earliest known work that develops a theory of drama and literary forms. His term poetics encompasses lyric and epic poetry as well as drama in its forms of comedy, tragedy and the satyr play. All are imitations of life but differ in three ways: the sound and form of the language, the characters, and narrative method. The work was lost for centuries and found its way back to the Western world through a Latin translation of an Arabic version written by Averroes.

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*Rhetoric* is the first known attempt to develop a system of techniques in the art of persuasion and is still considered "the most important work on persuasion ever written". It was not written for publication, but is rather a collection of his students' notes from his lectures. It shows the progression of his thought from his decades at Plato's Academy through his later work at the Lyceum. During this time the subject evolved from being seen as a potentially dangerous and immoral tool of manipulation of emotion and omission of facts to one of the three elements of philosophy alongside logic and dialectic.

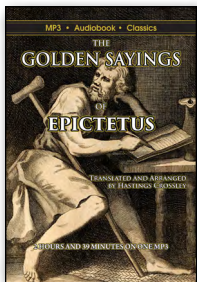


## The Republic of Plato

Author: Plato (c. 428 BC - c. 347 BC)  
Translated by Benjamin Jowett (1817 - 1893)  
Read by: Bob Neufeld  
Length: 12 hours 23 minutes  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Genre: Philosophy

*The Republic* is the greatest and best known of Plato's works and probably the most influential work of philosophy in history. Its ten books of dialogues between Socrates and various Athenians and foreigners address the question of whether a just man or unjust man achieves the greatest happiness by considering the governance and culture of a series of hypothetical cities. Jowett writes in his introduction that "The principles of definition, the law of contradiction, the fallacy of arguing in a circle, the distinction between the essence and accidents of a thing or notion, between means and ends, between causes and conditions; also the division of the mind into the rational, concupiscent, and irascible elements, or of pleasures and desires into necessary and unnecessary—these and other great forms of thought are all of them to be found in the Republic, and were probably first invented by Plato." It is no wonder that *The Republic* has been a centerpiece of a classical education for centuries.

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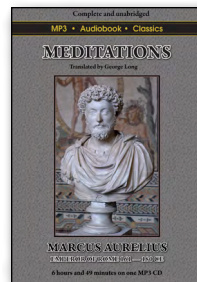
## The Golden Sayings of Epictetus

Author: Epictetus (AD c. 55 - 135)  
Translated by Hastings Crossley  
Read by: Multiple readers  
Length: 2 hours 39 minutes  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Genre: Classics, Philosophy

*The Golden Sayings of Epictetus* is a collection of almost 300 aphorisms culled from his *Discourses* and the *Enchiridion*. His discourses were transcribed by his pupil Arrian from memory after lessons. The *Enchiridion* is a digest of the *Discourses*; *The Golden Sayings* is a further distillation of the *Discourses*. Epictetus was a philosopher in the Stoic school. He made a core distinction between things within our power and things over which we have no power. He held that the basis of

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philosophy is self-knowledge, and that the only things within our power are those we generate from within – impulses, opinions, desires and aversions, which he groups together as "opinions". Everything else is out of our control and subject to fate. Good and evil rests in the power of choice. Reason alone is good; one should understand not only what to do, but why. Application of reason in the choice of action over things within our power is path to finding peace of mind in all things.



## The Meditations of Marcus Aurelius

Author: Marcus Aurelius (129 - 180 AD)  
Translated by George Long  
Read by: Multiple readers  
Length: 6 hours 49 minutes  
Format: MP3 CD in DVD case  
Genre: Classics, Philosophy

Marcus Aurelius embodied the qualities Plato sought in a philosopher-king, the best of leaders. *The Meditations of Marcus Aurelius*, comprised of twelve books, set forth the great man's musings on the judgment of himself and others in accord with those principles of stoicism that look to nature for truths. Unlike so many of his predecessors, Marcus Aurelius actually concerned himself with the moral imperative of goodness and reflected often on what it meant to be a good man. "Alone of the emperors," wrote the historian Herodian, "he gave proof of his learning not by mere words or knowledge of philosophical doctrines but by his blameless character and temperate way of life." The *Meditations* are the written record of his thought, written in Greek while on campaign between 170 and 180 in passages as short as a sentence and as long as an extended paragraph. The effect is cumulative. Marcus Aurelius here distinguishes himself as a philosopher, a thinker and a writer, as well as a man of military might and strategic skill.

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