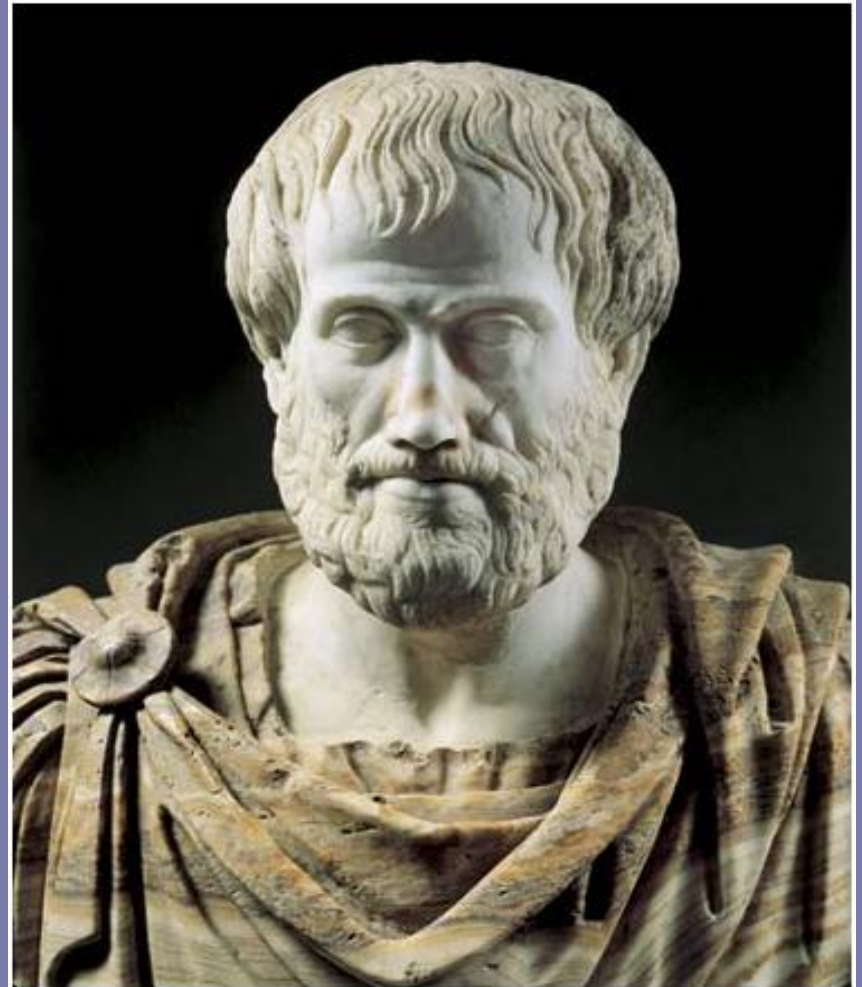


# Aristotelian Ethics

The Virtue of  
Success

# Aristotle

- 384BC – 322BC
- Greek Philosopher
- Physics to Zoology to Ethics to Poetry.
- Nicomachean Ethics
- Searching for “best” v “absolute”



# Utilitarianism

The Greatest Good for the Greatest  
Number

- A matter of “pain” v “pleasure” (or contentedness?)
- The **Ends** of an action are its *only* measure (v. intent)
- May **NOT** cause any harm (animals too?)

# Telos – that a thing works to final “goal”

- True wisdom comes from examining the objects of experience and not from trying to look beyond them (no perfect). (v Platonic)
- Our function in life is to realize our full potential as rational beings. If we are not fully rational, we are falling short of our true nature.

# The “GOOD”

- Intentions & Action v. Ends
- The Highest Good
- *Arête* – Excellence
- Why We Do, What We Do.

# Arête

- Excellences of:
  - Intellect and Character
- **Intellect** = knowledge and wisdom.
- **Character** = “moral virtues”
- The “good” of *friendship*

# “Contentedness”

- To flourish and achieve...
- Friendship...
- Not on a given Day...

# VIRTUE

- Virtue of Character
  - Intellectual and Moral
- Habituation OR *hexis*
- Virtuous ACTION *and* Virtuous CHARACTER



# The “STATES”

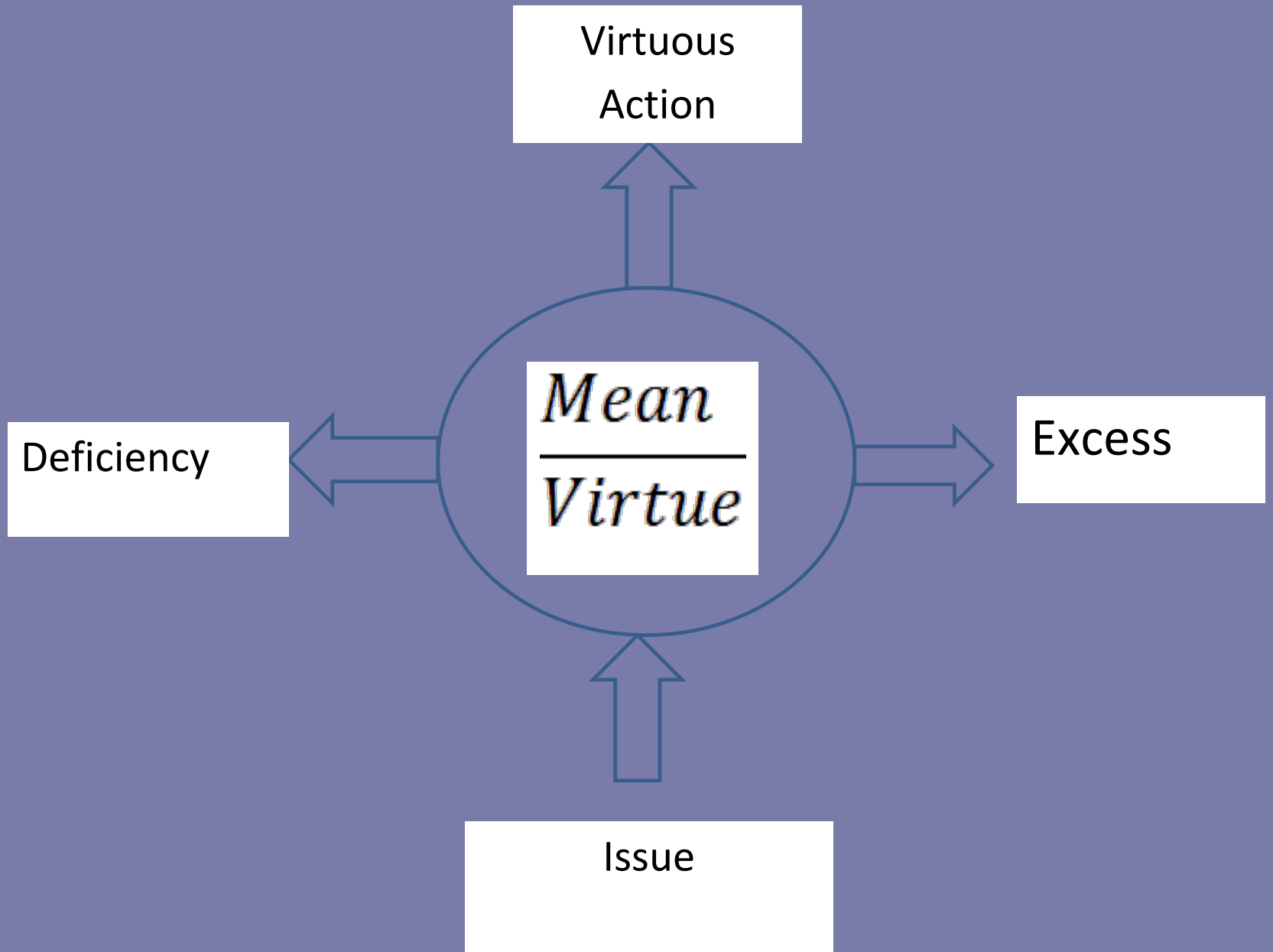
- The Four “States”
  - Viciousness
  - Intemperance
  - Temperance
  - Virtue (Excellence)

# The VIRTUES

- Courage
- Temperance
- Liberality
- Magnificence
- Magnanimity
- Proper Ambition/  
Pride
- Good temper
- Truthfulness
- Wittiness
- Friendliness
- Modesty
- Right Indignation

# The “MEAN”

- What is the “Mean”?
- Extremes
  - Excess
  - Deficiency



# A Specific Virtue: Courage

**Mean**

Deficiency

Excess

**Courage**

Cowardice

Rashness

# To “Flourish”

- As one looks back...
- Sum total of many things...
- Graduation a first time?
- **Eudaimonia!**