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Για την έννοια της ευδαιμονίας κρίσιμο είναι το βιβλίο πρώτο στα Ηθικά Νικομάχεια, όπου ο Αριστοτέλης εξηγεί ότι σκοπός των ανθρωπίνων πράξεων είναι το αγαθό (τελολογική θεώρηση του αγαθού) και ότι η ευδαιμονία είναι το τέλειο αγαθό: [τελειότερον](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=teleio%2Fteron&la=greek&can=teleio%2Fteron0&prior=tou/twn) [δὲ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=de%5C&la=greek&can=de%5C7&prior=teleio/teron) [λέγομεν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=le%2Fgomen&la=greek&can=le%2Fgomen0&prior=de\) [τὸ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=to%5C&la=greek&can=to%5C8&prior=le/gomen) [καθ᾽](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kaq%27&la=greek&can=kaq%271&prior=to\) [αὑτὸ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=au%28to%5C&la=greek&can=au%28to%5C0&prior=kaq') [διωκτὸν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=diwkto%5Cn&la=greek&can=diwkto%5Cn0&prior=au(to\) [τοῦ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=tou%3D&la=greek&can=tou%3D0&prior=diwkto\n) [δι᾽](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=di%27&la=greek&can=di%271&prior=tou=) [ἕτερον](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=e%28%2Fteron&la=greek&can=e%28%2Fteron1&prior=di') [καὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kai%5C&la=greek&can=kai%5C11&prior=e(/teron) [τὸ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=to%5C&la=greek&can=to%5C9&prior=kai\) [μηδέποτε](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=mhde%2Fpote&la=greek&can=mhde%2Fpote0&prior=to\) [δι᾽](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=di%27&la=greek&can=di%272&prior=mhde/pote) [ἄλλο](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29%2Fllo&la=greek&can=a%29%2Fllo3&prior=di') [αἱρετὸν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ai%28reto%5Cn&la=greek&can=ai%28reto%5Cn0&prior=a)/llo) [τῶν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=tw%3Dn&la=greek&can=tw%3Dn2&prior=ai(reto\n) [καὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kai%5C&la=greek&can=kai%5C12&prior=tw=n) [καθ᾽](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kaq%27&la=greek&can=kaq%272&prior=kai\) [αὑτὰ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=au%28ta%5C&la=greek&can=au%28ta%5C0&prior=kaq') [καὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kai%5C&la=greek&can=kai%5C13&prior=au(ta\) [δι᾽](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=di%27&la=greek&can=di%273&prior=kai\) [αὐτὸ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=au%29to%5C&la=greek&can=au%29to%5C1&prior=di') [αἱρετῶν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ai%28retw%3Dn&la=greek&can=ai%28retw%3Dn0&prior=au)to\), [καὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kai%5C&la=greek&can=kai%5C14&prior=ai(retw=n) [ἁπλῶς](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%28plw%3Ds&la=greek&can=a%28plw%3Ds0&prior=kai\) [δὴ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=dh%5C&la=greek&can=dh%5C1&prior=a(plw=s) [τέλειον](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=te%2Fleion&la=greek&can=te%2Fleion1&prior=dh\) [τὸ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=to%5C&la=greek&can=to%5C10&prior=te/leion) [καθ᾽](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kaq%27&la=greek&can=kaq%273&prior=to\) [αὑτὸ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=au%28to%5C&la=greek&can=au%28to%5C1&prior=kaq') [αἱρετὸν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ai%28reto%5Cn&la=greek&can=ai%28reto%5Cn1&prior=au(to\) [ἀεὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29ei%5C&la=greek&can=a%29ei%5C0&prior=ai(reto\n) [καὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kai%5C&la=greek&can=kai%5C15&prior=a)ei\) [μηδέποτε](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=mhde%2Fpote&la=greek&can=mhde%2Fpote1&prior=kai\) [δι᾽](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=di%27&la=greek&can=di%274&prior=mhde/pote) [ἄλλο](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29%2Fllo&la=greek&can=a%29%2Fllo4&prior=di'). [τοιοῦτον](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=toiou%3Dton&la=greek&can=toiou%3Dton0&prior=a)/llo) [δ᾽](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=d%27&la=greek&can=d%278&prior=toiou=ton) [ἡ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=h%28&la=greek&can=h%280&prior=d') [εὐδαιμονία](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=eu%29daimoni%2Fa&la=greek&can=eu%29daimoni%2Fa0&prior=h() [μάλιστ᾽](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ma%2Flist%27&la=greek&can=ma%2Flist%270&prior=eu)daimoni/a) [εἶναι](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ei%29%3Dnai&la=greek&can=ei%29%3Dnai0&prior=ma/list') [δοκεῖ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=dokei%3D&la=greek&can=dokei%3D0&prior=ei)=nai) (1097α34-39). 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Για να προσεγγίσουμε το περιεχόμενο της ευδαιμονίας κρίσιμη είναι η αναγωγή στο έργον του ανθρώπου. Το έργον του ανθρώπου ([ἀνθρώπου](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29nqrw%2Fpou&la=greek&can=a%29nqrw%2Fpou1&prior=ou(/tws" \t "morph) [ἔργον](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=e%29%2Frgon&la=greek&can=e%29%2Frgon3&prior=ti/qemen)) είναι η ενέργεια ψυχής μετά λόγου ([ψυχῆς](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=yuxh%3Ds&la=greek&can=yuxh%3Ds1&prior=de\\" \t "morph) [ἐνέργειαν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=e%29ne%2Frgeian&la=greek&can=e%29ne%2Frgeian1&prior=yuxh=s) [καὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kai%5C&la=greek&can=kai%5C10&prior=e)ne/rgeian) [πράξεις](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=pra%2Fceis&la=greek&can=pra%2Fceis0&prior=kai\) [μετὰ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=meta%5C&la=greek&can=meta%5C0&prior=pra/ceis) [λόγου](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=lo%2Fgou&la=greek&can=lo%2Fgou1&prior=meta\)), επομένως το τέλειο αγαθό συνίσταται στην ενέργεια ψυχής κατ’ αρετήν ([ψυχῆς](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=yuxh%3Ds&la=greek&can=yuxh%3Ds2&prior=a)gaqo\\n" \t "morph) [ἐνέργεια](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=e%29ne%2Frgeia&la=greek&can=e%29ne%2Frgeia1&prior=yuxh=s) [κατ᾽](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kat%27&la=greek&can=kat%271&prior=gi/netai) [ἀρετήν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29reth%2Fn&la=greek&can=a%29reth%2Fn0&prior=kat')) , ως εκδήλωση τελείωσης της έλλογης ικανότητας (1098α14-19).

*2. Βιβλίο Δεύτερο [Κριτική στην Πλατωνική ενότητα]*

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[It is clear then from these considerations that it is not an outcome of nature for the state to be a unity in the manner in which certain persons say that it is, and that what has been said to be the greatest good in states really destroys states]

*3. Βιβλίο Τρίτο [Τα ορθά πολιτεύματα]*

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[while when the multitude govern the state with a view to the common advantage, it is called by the name common to all the forms of constitution, ‘constitutional government.’ （And this comes about reasonably, since although it is possible for one man or a few to excel in virtue, when the number is larger it becomes difficult for them to possess perfect excellence in respect of every form of virtue]

Στο εν λόγω χωρίο, ο Αριστοτέλης θεωρεί ότι είναι εύλογη η ένταξη της πολιτείας στα ορθά πολιτεύματα και παρέχεται ο σχετικός λόγος. Νοείται άραγε αφηρημένη ιεράρχηση ανάμεσά τους; Στο τέλος του τρίτου βιβλίου μας παρέχει ορισμένα κριτήρια για να αξιολογήσουμε την άριστη πολιτεία:

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Πώς εφαρμόζονται αυτά;

Πρέπει μάλλον να γίνει δεκτό ότι ο Αριστοτέλης δεν δέχεται τη δυνατότητα αφηρημένης ιεράρχησης: Το άριστο πολίτευμα δεν μπορεί να κριθεί εκ των προτέρον και για κάθε περίπτωση: Πράγματι, «[εἰ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ei%29&la=greek&can=ei%290&prior=mo/rion" \t "morph) [μὲν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=me%5Cn&la=greek&can=me%5Cn1&prior=ei)) [οὖν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ou%29%3Dn&la=greek&can=ou%29%3Dn0&prior=me\n) [περὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=peri%5C&la=greek&can=peri%5C1&prior=ou)=n) [πάντα](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=pa%2Fnta&la=greek&can=pa%2Fnta1&prior=peri\) [δῆμον](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=dh%3Dmon&la=greek&can=dh%3Dmon0&prior=pa/nta) [καὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kai%5C&la=greek&can=kai%5C11&prior=dh=mon) [περὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=peri%5C&la=greek&can=peri%5C2&prior=kai\) [πᾶν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=pa%3Dn&la=greek&can=pa%3Dn0&prior=peri\) [πλῆθος](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=plh%3Dqos&la=greek&can=plh%3Dqos1&prior=pa=n) [ἐνδέχεται](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=e%29nde%2Fxetai&la=greek&can=e%29nde%2Fxetai1&prior=plh=qos) [ταύτην](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=tau%2Fthn&la=greek&can=tau%2Fthn0&prior=e)nde/xetai) [εἶναι](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ei%29%3Dnai&la=greek&can=ei%29%3Dnai1&prior=tau/thn) [τὴν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=th%5Cn&la=greek&can=th%5Cn1&prior=ei)=nai) [διαφορὰν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=diafora%5Cn&la=greek&can=diafora%5Cn0&prior=th\n) [τῶν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=tw%3Dn&la=greek&can=tw%3Dn6&prior=diafora\n) [πολλῶν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=pollw%3Dn&la=greek&can=pollw%3Dn2&prior=tw=n) [πρὸς](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=pro%5Cs&la=greek&can=pro%5Cs0&prior=pollw=n) [τοὺς](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=tou%5Cs&la=greek&can=tou%5Cs1&prior=pro\s) [ὀλίγους](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=o%29li%2Fgous&la=greek&can=o%29li%2Fgous0&prior=tou\s) [σπουδαίους](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=spoudai%2Fous&la=greek&can=spoudai%2Fous0&prior=o)li/gous), [ἄδηλον](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29%2Fdhlon&la=greek&can=a%29%2Fdhlon0&prior=spoudai/ous)» (1281α 15-17). Και ιδίως στις σύγχρονες πόλεις, ενόψει της διαφορετικότητας των ανθρώπων και των πολλών επιμέρους αρετών, οι πολλοί σε συνέργεια μπορεί να εκδηλώσουν μεγαλύτερη αρετή από τους ολίγους αρίστους (1281a 40 επ.). Αντίθετα, για την περίπτωση της βασιλείας, την οποία ο Αριστοτέλης αποκαλεί θειοτάτη (επειδή προσιδιάζει στους θεούς), η υπεροχή του βασιλέα πρέπει να είναι έκδηλη: «[τὴν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=th%5Cn&la=greek&can=th%5Cn2&prior=xeiri/sthn" \t "morph) [δὲ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=de%5C&la=greek&can=de%5C9&prior=th\n) [βασιλείαν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=basilei%2Fan&la=greek&can=basilei%2Fan2&prior=de\) [ἀναγκαῖον](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29nagkai%3Don&la=greek&can=a%29nagkai%3Don1&prior=basilei/an) [ἢ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=h%29%5C&la=greek&can=h%29%5C2&prior=a)nagkai=on) [τοὔνομα](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=tou%29%2Fnoma&la=greek&can=tou%29%2Fnoma0&prior=h)\) [μόνον](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=mo%2Fnon&la=greek&can=mo%2Fnon1&prior=tou)/noma) [ἔχειν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=e%29%2Fxein&la=greek&can=e%29%2Fxein1&prior=mo/non) [οὐκ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ou%29k&la=greek&can=ou%29k2&prior=e)/xein) [οὖσαν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ou%29%3Dsan&la=greek&can=ou%29%3Dsan0&prior=ou)k), [[](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=%5B&la=greek&can=%5B0)1289[β](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=b&la=greek&can=b0&prior=%5b)[]](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=%5D&la=greek&can=%5D0&prior=b) [ἢ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=h%29%5C&la=greek&can=h%29%5C0&prior=%5d) [διὰ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=dia%5C&la=greek&can=dia%5C0&prior=h)\) [πολλὴν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=pollh%5Cn&la=greek&can=pollh%5Cn0&prior=dia\) [ὑπεροχὴν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=u%28peroxh%5Cn&la=greek&can=u%28peroxh%5Cn0&prior=pollh\n) [εἶναι](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ei%29%3Dnai&la=greek&can=ei%29%3Dnai0&prior=u(peroxh\n) [τὴν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=th%5Cn&la=greek&can=th%5Cn0&prior=ei)=nai) [τοῦ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=tou%3D&la=greek&can=tou%3D0&prior=th\n) [βασιλεύοντος](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=basileu%2Fontos&la=greek&can=basileu%2Fontos0&prior=tou=):» (1289α42-1289β1). Μάλιστα, εάν υπάρχει όντως τέτοιος ή ολίγοι τέτοιοι άνθρωποι δεν θα πρέπει να τον θεωρήσουμε ως μέρος της πόλεως, αλλά ως θεό («[οὐκέτι](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ou%29ke%2Fti&la=greek&can=ou%29ke%2Fti0&prior=mo/non" \t "morph) [θετέον](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=qete%2Fon&la=greek&can=qete%2Fon0&prior=ou)ke/ti) [τούτους](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=tou%2Ftous&la=greek&can=tou%2Ftous0&prior=qete/on) [μέρος](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=me%2Fros&la=greek&can=me%2Fros0&prior=tou/tous) [πόλεως](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=po%2Flews&la=greek&can=po%2Flews1&prior=me/ros): [ἀδικήσονται](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29dikh%2Fsontai&la=greek&can=a%29dikh%2Fsontai0&prior=po/lews) [γὰρ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ga%5Cr&la=greek&can=ga%5Cr0&prior=a)dikh/sontai) [ἀξιούμενοι](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29ciou%2Fmenoi&la=greek&can=a%29ciou%2Fmenoi0&prior=ga\r) [τῶν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=tw%3Dn&la=greek&can=tw%3Dn1&prior=a)ciou/menoi) [ἴσων](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=i%29%2Fswn&la=greek&can=i%29%2Fswn0&prior=tw=n), [ἄνισοι](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29%2Fnisoi&la=greek&can=a%29%2Fnisoi0&prior=i)/swn) [τοσοῦτον](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=tosou%3Dton&la=greek&can=tosou%3Dton1&prior=a)/nisoi) [κατ᾽](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kat%27&la=greek&can=kat%272&prior=tosou=ton) [[](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=%5B&la=greek&can=%5B2&prior=kat')10[]](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=%5D&la=greek&can=%5D2&prior=%5b) [ἀρετὴν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29reth%5Cn&la=greek&can=a%29reth%5Cn1&prior=%5d) [ὄντες](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=o%29%2Fntes&la=greek&can=o%29%2Fntes0&prior=a)reth\n) [καὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kai%5C&la=greek&can=kai%5C2&prior=o)/ntes) [τὴν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=th%5Cn&la=greek&can=th%5Cn6&prior=kai\) [πολιτικὴν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=politikh%5Cn&la=greek&can=politikh%5Cn1&prior=th\n) [δύναμιν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=du%2Fnamin&la=greek&can=du%2Fnamin1&prior=politikh\n): [ὥσπερ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=w%28%2Fsper&la=greek&can=w%28%2Fsper0&prior=du/namin) [γὰρ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ga%5Cr&la=greek&can=ga%5Cr1&prior=w(/sper) [θεὸν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=qeo%5Cn&la=greek&can=qeo%5Cn0&prior=ga\r) [ἐν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=e%29n&la=greek&can=e%29n0&prior=qeo\n) [ἀνθρώποις](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29nqrw%2Fpois&la=greek&can=a%29nqrw%2Fpois0&prior=e)n) [εἰκὸς](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ei%29ko%5Cs&la=greek&can=ei%29ko%5Cs0&prior=a)nqrw/pois) [εἶναι](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ei%29%3Dnai&la=greek&can=ei%29%3Dnai1&prior=ei)ko\s) [τὸν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=to%5Cn&la=greek&can=to%5Cn2&prior=ei)=nai) [τοιοῦτον](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=toiou%3Dton&la=greek&can=toiou%3Dton0&prior=to\n)», 1284α8-11).

Από την άλλη πλευρά, ο Αριστοτέλης ξεκινά την έκθεση των πολιτευμάτων πρώτα με τη βασιλεία και την αριστοκρατία ως τις χαρακτηριστικές περιπτώσεις αρίστης πολιτείας «（[τὸ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=to%5C&la=greek&can=to%5C4&prior=ei)/rhtai) [γὰρ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ga%5Cr&la=greek&can=ga%5Cr2&prior=to\) [περὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=peri%5C&la=greek&can=peri%5C3&prior=ga\r) [τῆς](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=th%3Ds&la=greek&can=th%3Ds4&prior=peri\) [ἀρίστης](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29ri%2Fsths&la=greek&can=a%29ri%2Fsths0&prior=th=s) [πολιτείας](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=politei%2Fas&la=greek&can=politei%2Fas7&prior=a)ri/sths) [θεωρῆσαι](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=qewrh%3Dsai&la=greek&can=qewrh%3Dsai0&prior=politei/as) [ταὐτὸ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=tau%29to%5C&la=greek&can=tau%29to%5C0&prior=qewrh=sai) [καὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kai%5C&la=greek&can=kai%5C18&prior=tau)to\) [περὶ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=peri%5C&la=greek&can=peri%5C4&prior=kai\) [τούτων](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=tou%2Ftwn&la=greek&can=tou%2Ftwn1&prior=peri\) [ἐστὶν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=e%29sti%5Cn&la=greek&can=e%29sti%5Cn0&prior=tou/twn) [εἰπεῖν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ei%29pei%3Dn&la=greek&can=ei%29pei%3Dn0&prior=e)sti\n) [τῶν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=tw%3Dn&la=greek&can=tw%3Dn6&prior=ei)pei=n) [ὀνομάτων](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=o%29noma%2Ftwn&la=greek&can=o%29noma%2Ftwn0&prior=tw=n): [βούλεται](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=bou%2Fletai&la=greek&can=bou%2Fletai0&prior=o)noma/twn) [γὰρ](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=ga%5Cr&la=greek&can=ga%5Cr3&prior=bou/letai) [ἑκατέρα](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=e%28kate%2Fra&la=greek&can=e%28kate%2Fra0&prior=ga\r) [κατ᾽](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kat%27&la=greek&can=kat%270&prior=e(kate/ra) [ἀρετὴν](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=a%29reth%5Cn&la=greek&can=a%29reth%5Cn0&prior=kat') [συνεστάναι](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=sunesta%2Fnai&la=greek&can=sunesta%2Fnai0&prior=a)reth\n) [κεχορηγημένην](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=kexorhghme%2Fnhn&la=greek&can=kexorhghme%2Fnhn0&prior=sunesta/nai)）»(1289α31-34), ενώ στην ανάπτυξη της πολιτείας διευκρινίζει ότι τόσο αυτή, όσο και διάφορες αποκαλούμενες μορφές αριστοκρατίας αποτυγχάνουν να καταστούν ορθότατες πολιτείες («[διημαρτήκασι](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=dihmarth%2Fkasi&la=greek&can=dihmarth%2Fkasi0&prior=pa=sai" \t "morph) [τῆς](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=th%3Ds&la=greek&can=th%3Ds2&prior=dihmarth/kasi) [ὀρθοτάτης](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=o%29rqota%2Fths&la=greek&can=o%29rqota%2Fths0&prior=th=s) [πολιτείας](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/morph?l=politei%2Fas&la=greek&can=politei%2Fas2&prior=o)rqota/ths)», 1293 β 25-26). Ποια η σημασία αυτών των παρατηρήσεων είναι άδηλο. Ίσως ο Αριστοτέλης απλώς να παραδέχεται ως ιδεατά νοητή την Πλατωνική πολιτεία, ως ιδεώδη τύπο εκδήλωσης πλήρους αρετής στο πρόσωπο των κυβερνώντων, αλλά εντελώς ξένη προς τα χαρακτηριστικά της ελληνικής πόλεως.

*4. Βιβλίο Έβδομο [Επειδή οι πολίτες δεν διαφέρουν ουσιωδώς μεταξύ τους, είναι αναγκαίο να μετέχουν κατά μέρος και στο άρχειν και στο άρχεσθαι]*

Στο 7ο βιβλίο ο Αριστοτέλης αναζητά τα αναγκαία χαρακτηριστικά της «κατ’ευχήν» δυνάμενης να συσταθεί πόλεως, υπολαμβάνοντας ιδανικές, αλλά όχι αδύνατες συνθήκες (1325β35-39).

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[If then it were the case that the one class differed from the other as widely as we believe the gods and heroes to differ from mankind, having first a great superiority in regard to the body and then in regard to [20] the soul, so that the pre-eminence of the rulers was indisputable and manifest to the subjects, it is clear that it would be better for the same persons always to be rulers and subjects once for all; but as this is not easy to secure, and as we do not find anything corresponding to the great difference that Scylax states to exist between kings and subjects in India, it is clear that for many reasons it is necessary for all to share alike in ruling and being ruled in turn. For equality means for persons who are alike identity of status, and also it is difficult for a constitution to endure that is framed in contravention of justice.]

5. *Βιβλίο Τέταρτο [Αναζήτηση του άριστου πολιτεύματος για τις περισσότερες πόλεις]*

Στο τέταρτο βιβλίο ο Αριστοτέλης αναζητά το πρακτικώς βέλτιστο πολίτευμα με βάση τα εμπειρικά δεδομένα του ελληνικού κόσμου.

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[But what is the best constitution and what is the best mode of life for most cities and most of mankind, if we do not judge by the standard of a virtue that is above the level of private citizens or of an education that needs natural gifts and means supplied by fortune, nor by the standard of the ideal constitution, but of a mode of life able to be shared by most men and a constitution possible for most states to attain?]

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[It is clear therefore also that the political community administered by the middle class is the best, and that it is possible for those states to be well governed that are of the kind in which the middle class is numerous, and preferably stronger than both the other two classes, or at all events than one of them, for by throwing in its weight it sways the balance and prevents the opposite extremes[4](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3Atext%3A1999.01.0058%3Abook%3D4%3Asection%3D1295b#note4) from coming into existence. Hence it is the greatest good fortune if the men that have political power possess a moderate and sufficient substance, [1] since where some own a very great deal of property and others none there comes about either an extreme democracy or an unmixed oligarchy, or a tyranny may result from both of the two extremes, for tyranny springs from both democracy and oligarchy of the most unbridled kind, but much less often from the middle forms of constitution and those near to them.]

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