**Aristotle: Outline, by Topic**

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– Substance [Mta]

– Place and Time

– Quantity, Quality and Relatives

– Other Categories

Logic and Rhetoric

– Logic

– Rhetoric [Rht]

Change [Phy]

– Principles of Nature: principles, four causes, chance

– Change in General: defined, potentiality and actuality

– Aspects of Change

– Coming-to-Be and Passing-Away [dGC]

The Universe

– The Divine [Phy]: primary and secondary unmoved movers

– The Heavens [dCa]: heavenly bodies in general, the world, the stars

– The Sublunary [dCa, Mte]: the earth, the atmosphere, the waters

– The Elements [dCa, Mte]: motion, generation and destruction, alteration

– The Animate [dAn]: nutrition, sensation, locomotion, cognition

The Human - Ethics [NEt]

– The Human Good [+ Pol]

– Choice and Pleasure (including weakness-of-will)

– Moral Virtue [+ Rht]: in general; particular virtues; emotion and character

– Intellectual Virtue: in general; major and minor virtues

– Personal Relations [NEt, Pol]: friendship; the household

The Human - Politics [Pol]

– Nature of the State, Constitutional Theory

– Actual Constitutions: Spartan, Cretan, Carthaginian, Solon et al

– Proposed Constitutions: Plato, Phaleas, Hippodamus

– Hypothetical Constitutions: Democracy etc; Constitutional change and preservation

– Ideal Constitutions

**Aristotle's Works, by Topic**

**The Categories**

Cat 1-2, 4. The Categories, Defined: the Four-Fold Division, the Ten Categories

**Substance**

Cat 5. On Substances

What is Substance?

Mta 7.1-3. The Question: What is Substance?

Mta 7.4-6. Substance and Essence

Mta 7.7-9. Substances as Hylomorphic Compounds

Mta 7.10-12. Substance and Definition

Mta 7.13-16. Substance and Universals

Mta 7.17-17. Substance as Cause of Being

Mta 8.1-6. Various Issues re Substance: potentiality and actuality, generation and destruction, causes and matter; on the unity of definitions

**Place and Time**

Phy 4.1-5. Place: the limit of the containing body

Phy 4.6-9. Void: an extended place without tangible bodies

Phy 6.1-2. Distance and time are continua

dCa 1.1. There are exactly three dimensions

Cat 13. On Simultaneity

Phy 4.10-14. Time: the measure of change

Phy 6.1-2. Distance and time are continua

Phy 6.3. The indivisibility of a Now

**Quantity, Quality and Relatives**

Cat 6. Of Quantities

Cat 7. On Relatives

Cat 8. On Qualities

Phy 7.3. The acquisition of shapes or states are *not* alterations

Infinity and Continuity:

Phy 3.4-8. The Infinite, Actual and Potential

Phy 6.1. No continuum is divisible into indivisible parts

dCa 1.5-7. The World is Finite

**Other Categories**

Cat 9. Acting and Being-acted-upon

Phy 7.1. Every change has an agent; There cannot be an infinite regress of movements caused by other movements

Phy 7.2. The agent of change and the object of change must be in contact

Phy 8.4. Everything that changes is changed by something

dGC 1.6-9. Definitions: Contact, Action & Passion

Cat 15. On Having

**Logic and Rhetoric**

**Logic**

Cat 3. Some Logic Notes, re things in combination.

Cat 10. Modes of opposition

Cat 11. On Contraries

Cat 12. On Priority

Mta 9.10. Truth and Falsity

**Rhetoric**

Rht 1.1-1. The Nature of Rhetoric

Rht 1.2-3. The Genres of Rhetoric

Rht 1.4-8. Deliberative Rhetoric [ie, On Good and Bad]

Rht 1.9-9. Epideictic Rhetoric [ie, On Virtue and Deficiency]

Rht 1.10-15. Forensic Rhetoric [ie, On Right and Wrong]

**Change**

The Principles of Nature:

Phy 1.1-1. The Importance of Principles of Nature

Phy 1.2-4. Earlier Views on Principles: esp. Eleatics, Anaxagoras

Phy 1.5-7. The True View of Principles

Phy 1.8-9. The True View of Principles Compared with Others

Phy 2.1-3. The Four Causes: Material, Formal, Efficient, Final

Phy 2.7-9. Studying Nature

Phy 2.4-6. Chance and Spontaneity

Phy 2.9. The role of necessity in nature

Change in General:

Cat 14. On Change

Phy 3.1-3. Change Defined

Phy 8.1-3. Change is Eternal

Mta 9.1-5. Potentiality

Mta 9.6-9. Actuality

Mta 9.10-10. Truth and Falsity

Aspects of Change:

Phy 5.1-1. The Immediate Agent, Object and Time of Change

Phy 5.2-3. Change and Variation

Phy 5.4-6. Identity and Opposition between Changes

Phy 6.1-4. Continua and Divisibility

Phy 6.5-8 (ex 7). The Start and End of Change and Rest

Phy 6.7-10 (ex 8). Change, the Infinite and the Indivisible

Phy 7.1-3. Agents of Change

Phy 7.4-5. Comparing Changes, and Rates of Change

Coming-to-be and Passing-Away:

dGC 1.1-1. Is coming-to-be identical to alteration?

dGC 1.2-3. Unqualified Coming-To-Be, Defined

dGC 1.4-5. Distinction: Coming-to-be, Alteration, and Growth

dGC 1.6-10. Definitions: Contact, Action & Passion, Combination

dGC 2.9-11. The Explanation of Comings-to-Be

**The Universe**

**The Divine**

Phy 8.1-3. Change is Eternal

Phy 8.4-6. The Unchanging Changer

Phy 8.7-10. The Unmoving Mover

Mta 12.6-18. On the Primary and Secondary Unmoved Movers

**The Heavens**

dCa 1.1-4. On Heavenly Bodies

dCa 1.5-7. The World is Finite

dCa 1.8-9. The World is Unique

dCa 1.10-12. The World is Eternal

dCa 2.1-6. The Nature of the World: Structure, Rotation, etc

dCa 2.7-12. The Stars: Motion, Planets' Order, Shape, etc

**The Sublunary**

dCa 2.13-14. The Earth

dCa 3.1-2. Sublunary Bodies

On the Atmosphere:

Mte 1.1-3. The Space between the Heavens and Earth

Mte 1.4-8. Phenomena of the Upper Atmosphere: shooting-stars, [Aurora Borealis,] comets, the Milky Way;

Mte 1.9-12. Phenomena of the Lower Atmosphere: clouds, mist, rain, dew, frost, snow, hail

Mte 2.2-6. On the Winds: Causes and Affections

Mte 2.7-9, 3.1. Phenomena associated with the Wind: earthquakes, thunder, lightning, hurricanes, whirlwinds, thunderbolts

Mte 3.2-6. Phenomena explained by Reflection: haloes, rainbows, mock-suns, rods

On the Waters:

Mte 1.13-14. Rivers, Land and Sea

Mte 2.1-3. The Origin of the Sea

**The Elements**

dCa 3.3-5. The Number of the Elements

Motion:

dCa 4.1-3. The Heavy and Light explained

dCa 4.4-6. Existence and Nature of the Heavy and Light

Generation and Destruction:

dCa 3.6-8. The Generation of the Elements

dGC 2.1-2. The Fundamental Principles of Perceptible Bodies

dGC 2.3-6. The Fundamental Principles, and the Traditional Elements

dGC 2.7-8. Compound Bodies, and the Traditional Elements

Alteration:

Mte 4.1-1. The Nature of Becoming and Destruction

Mte 4.2-3. Concoction: Perfection by Natural Heat

Mte 4.4-7. Solidification: by Hot-Dry and by Cold

Mte 4.8-12. On Mixed Bodies

**The Animate**

dAn 1.1-1. Questions to be considered re the Soul

dAn 1.2-5. Our Predecessors' Views on the Soul

dAn 2.1-3. On the Soul, in General

Nutrition:

dAn 2.4-4. On Nutrition and Reproduction

Sensation:

dAn 2.5-6,12. On Sensation

dAn 3.1-2. On the number of the senses, and other questions

dAn 2.7-11.On the Several Senses: sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch

dAn 3.12-13. Concluding General Remarks on the Senses

Locomotion:

dAn 3.9-11. On Locomotion

Cognition:

dAn 3.3-8. On Thinking

**The Human - Ethics**

**The Human Good**

NEt 1.1-3. The Good Defined

NEt 1.4-8. Accounts of Happiness and the Good

NEt 1.9-12. Aspects of Happiness

NEt 1.13-13. Virtue Introduced

NEt 10.6-8. Happiness

Pol 7.1-3. Happiness

**Choice and Pleasure**

NEt 3.1-5. Voluntariness, Choice, Wish

NEt 7.1-4. The Nature of Incontinence

NEt 7.5-10. Incontinence compared with other states

NEt 7.11-14. Pleasure (A): On three views hostile to pleasure

NEt 10.1-5. Pleasure (B)

**Moral Virtue**

NEt 2.1-4. Acquisition, Detection and Display of Moral Virtue

NEt 2.5-7. Moral Virtue Defined

NEt 2.8-9. More on the Acquisition of Moral Virtue

NEt 3.6-9. Courage

NEt 3.10-12. Temperance

NEt 4.1-2. Virtues re Money: Liberality, Magnificence

NEt 4.3-4. Virtues re Honour: Pride, Proper-Ambition

NEt 4.5-5. Virtue re Anger: Good Temper

NEt 4.6-8. Virtues re Social Intercourse: Friendliness, Truthfulness, Ready-Wit

NEt 4.9-9. A Second-Best Virtue: Shame

NEt 5.1-7. Justice, its sphere and outer nature: distributive, corrective, commercial, political justice

NEt 5.8-11. Justice, its inner nature as involving choice

Rht 2.1-11. Emotion: anger & calmness, friendliness & hatred, fear & confidence, shame & shamelessness, kindness & unkindness, pity, indignation, envy, emulation.

Rht 2.12-17. Character: of young men, of elderly men, of men in their prime, as influenced by good birth, wealth, power

**Intellectual Virtue**

NEt 6.1-2. Intellectual Virtue Introduced

NEt 6.12-13. The Value of the Intellectual Virtues

NEt 6.3-8. Major Intellectual Virtues: science, craft, practical wisdom, intuitive reason, philosophical wisdom

NEt 6.9-11. Minor Intellectual Virtues: good deliberation, understanding, judgment

**Personal Relations**

Friendship:

NEt 8.1-2. Definition of Friendship

NEt 8.3-6. Types of Friendship: of pleasure, utility, or goodness

NEt 8.7-8. Types of Friendship: equal, unequal

NEt 8.9-12. The Personal and the Political

NEt 8.13-14, 9.1-4. Principles governing Friendship

NEt 9.5-6. Friendship, goodwill and concord

NEt 9.7-9. The Desirability of Friendship

NEt 9.10-12. Miscellaneous features of Friendship

The Household:

Pol 1.3-7. The Household: Mastership

Pol 1.8-11. The Household: Economic

Pol 1.12-12. The Household: Matrimonial and Paternal

Pol 1.13-13. The Household: the Virtues of Man, Woman, Child and Slave

**The Human - Politics**

**Nature of the State, Constitutional Theory**

NEt 10.9-9. Transition to the Politics

Pol 1.1-2. Nature of the State

Pol 3.1-5. Citizenship

Pol 3.6-13. Constitutional Theory

Pol 4.1-3. Introduction to the tasks of political theory

Pol 4.4-4. The Parts of the State (1)

Pol 4.14-16. The Parts of the State (2)

**Actual Constitutions**

Pol 2.9-12. Actual Constitutions: Spartan, Cretan, Carthaginian, Solon et al

**Proposed Constitutions**

Pol 2.1-1. Introduction to Ideal States

Pol 2.2-5. Proposed Constitutions: Plato's *Republic*

Pol 2.6-6. Proposed Constitutions: Plato's *Laws*

Pol 2.7-8. Other Proposed Constitutions: Phaleas, Hippodamus

**Hypothetical Constitutions**

Pol 4.5-6. Hypothetical Constitutions: Democracy and Oligarchy

Pol 4.7-13. Hypothetical Constitutions: Polity [& notes on Aristocracy, Tyranny]

Pol 5.1-4. Constitutional Change in General

Pol 5.5-7. Constitutional Change: Democracies, Oligarchies, Aristocracies

Pol 5.10-12. Constitutional Change: Monarchies

Pol 5.8-9. Constitutional Preservation in General

Pol 6.1-1. How do constitutions function best?

Pol 6.2-5. Preservation of Democracies

Pol 6.6-7. Preservation of Oligarchies

Pol 6.8-8. Officialdom

**Ideal Constitutions**

Pol 3.14-18. Ideal Kingship

Pol 7.4-7. The Ideal State: Physical Description

Pol 7.8-12. The Ideal State: Essential Functions

Pol 7.13-17, 8.1-7. Education in the State