

# SOCRATES

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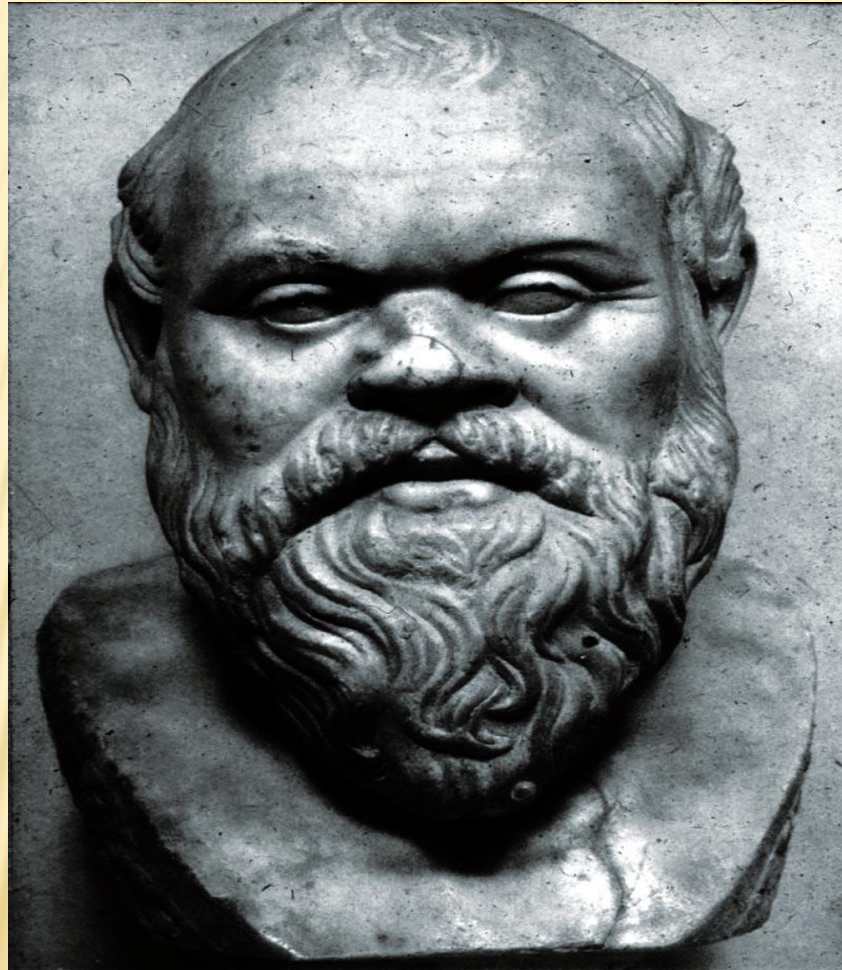
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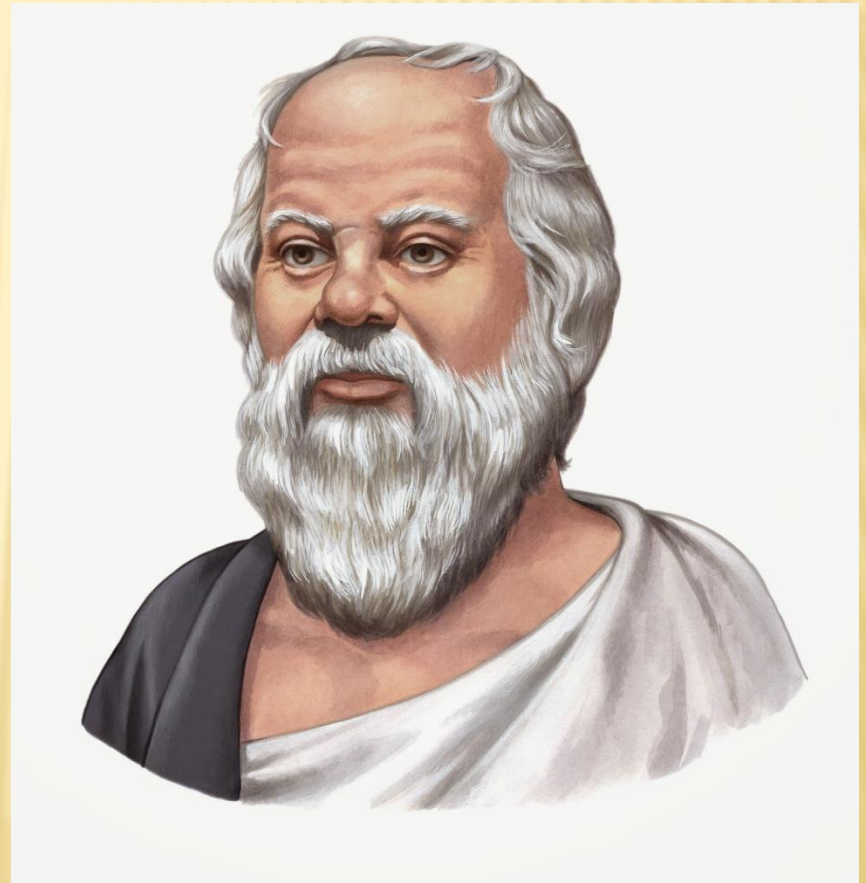
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- ✘ Socrates was a Greek Athenian philosopher, one of the most prominent figures of both the Greek and global spirit and culture and one of the founders of Western philosophy. A possible way to describe how important Socrates was is that all the philosophers that were born before him were named “prosocratikoi”. His whole influence, often ranks him among the world's biggest personalities of all time along with his student, Plato.



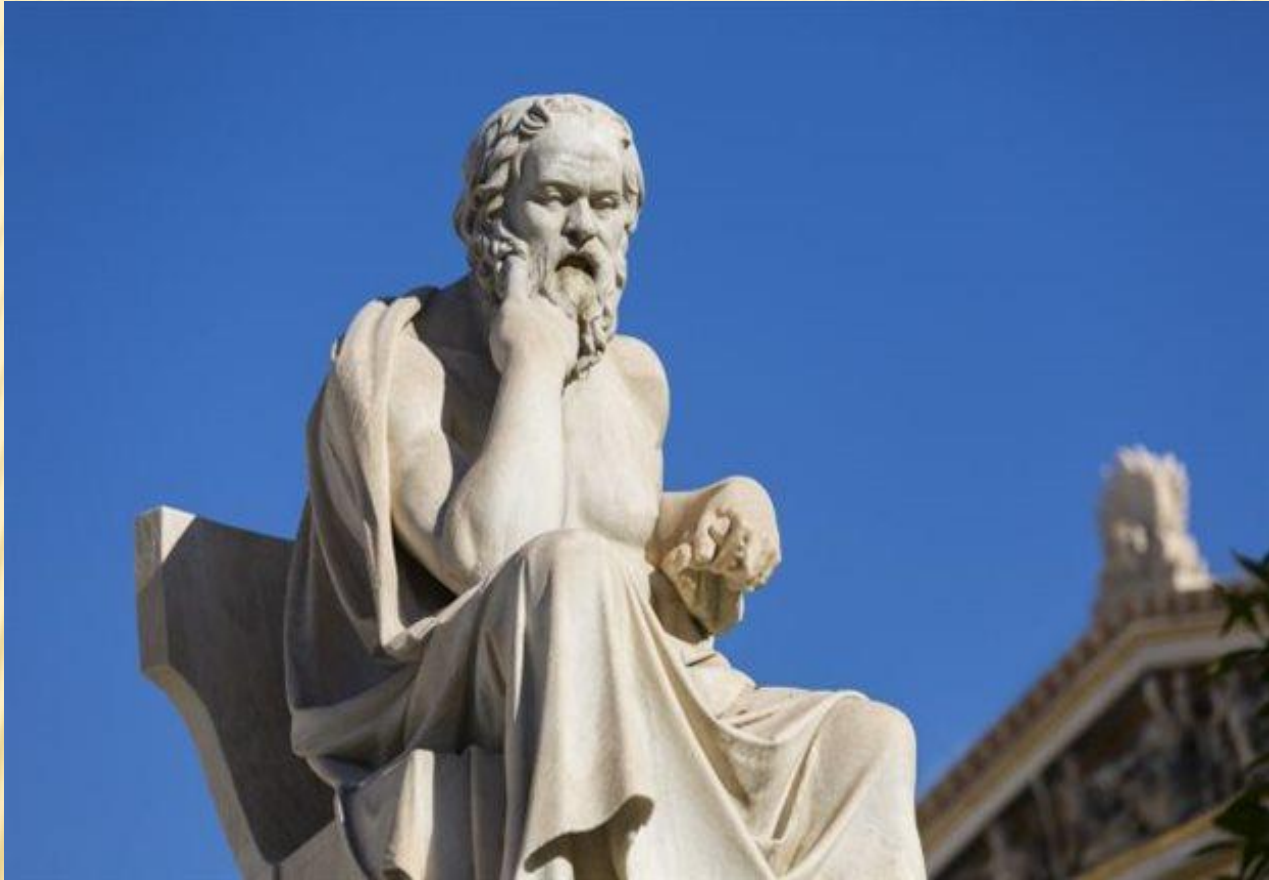
# EARLY LIFE

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✘ Socrates was born in Alopeke, and belonged to the tribe Antiochus.

Socrates married Xanthippe, with Socrates claiming that if he could live with her then he could live with every person in the world.

✘ At least she bore for him three sons.





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- ✘ At the age of 17 he met the philosopher Archelaos, who gave him his passion for philosophy and persuaded him to focus on it.
  - ✘ His philosophical research was attended by a lot of people, mostly young, who enjoyed listening to him talking and discussing social, political, and religious issues. This way a small group of people was formed around him, but we can't possibly name it a school, because Socrates did not teach, but he was talking to the crowd all around the city, with people of every social class and unlike the sophists, he did not get money from his students.
  - ✘ He avoided engaging in politics and preferred to make his own independent course except when his homeland was calling him.

# TRIAL AND DEATH

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- × In 399 BC. the philosopher was was blamed for dishonesty against the gods and corruption of young people. He was sentenced to death.
- × Socrates remained committed to his philosophical views and, as a law-abiding citizen and true philosopher, he waited peacefully and he drank poison, as the law said.





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- ✘ However, in May 2012, Socrates' trial was repeated by Supreme Court Advisers and well-known lawyers and judges, using the laws of that time, and as a result Socrates was acquitted of the charges he had.

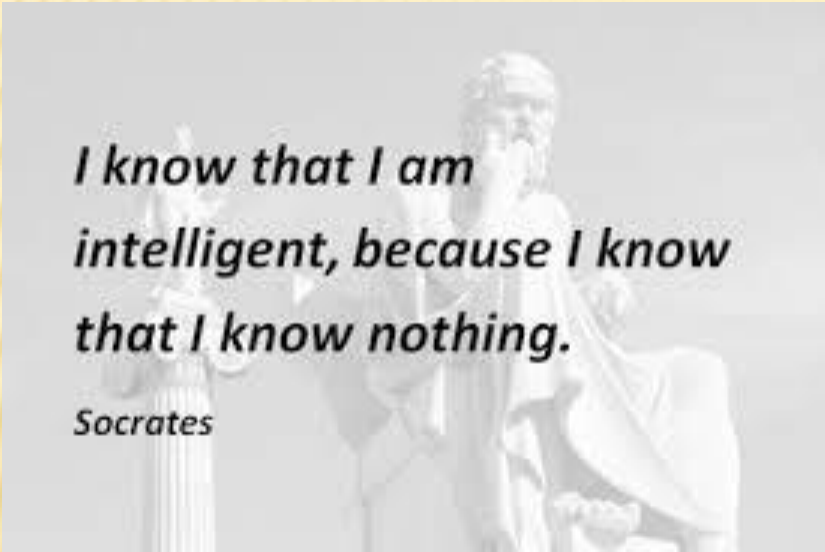
# SOCRATES' TRIAL IN 2012



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- × Socrates, like Pythagoras, did not leave any writings, so it is very difficult to define exactly the content of his philosophy. What is known about Socrates came mainly from what his students wrote about him, as well as some writers who focused on studying his personality.



# VIRTUE



*I know that I am  
intelligent, because I know  
that I know nothing.*

*Socrates*

- ✘ Socrates believed the best way for people to live was to focus on the pursuit of virtue rather than the pursuit, for instance, of material wealth. He always invited others to try to concentrate more on friendships and a sense of true community, for Socrates felt this was the best way for people to grow together.

# THE SOCRATIC METHOD

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- ✘ Perhaps his most important contribution to Western thought is his dialectic method of inquiry, known as the Socratic method, which he largely applied to the examination of key moral concepts such as the Good and Justice. It was first described by Plato in the Socratic Dialogues.
- ✘ To illustrate the use of the Socratic method, a series of questions are posed to help a person or group to determine their underlying beliefs and the extent of their knowledge. The Socratic method is a negative method of hypothesis elimination, in that better hypotheses are found by steadily identifying and eliminating those that lead to contradictions. It was designed to force one to examine one's own beliefs and the validity of such beliefs.

# "I KNOW THAT I KNOW NOTHING"

- ✘ The phrase "I know that I know nothing" or "I know one thing; that I know nothing", sometimes called the Socratic paradox, is a well-known saying that is derived from Plato's account of the Greek philosopher Socrates. The phrase is not one that Socrates himself is ever recorded as saying.

One thing only I know, and  
that is that I know nothing.

Socrates



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**The secret of  
change is to  
focus all of your  
energy not on  
fighting the old,  
but on building  
the new.**

**SOCRATES**

I call myself a Peaceful  
Warrior... because the  
battles we fight are on  
the inside

Socrates

Smart people learn from  
everything and everyone,  
Average people from their  
experiences,  
Stupid people already have  
all the answers.

Socrates

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**THE END!!!**