

Nicomachean Ethics Terms

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title

Nicomachean: (supposedly) edited by Aristotle's son Nicomachus

ethics: *ethike*, moral philosophy (compare: *ethikos*, showing moral character; *ethos*, character)

unfamiliar uses of terms

politics: *politike*, knowledge of government, but also knowledge of society

end: *telos*, purpose, aim

science: *episteme*, knowledge (for its own sake)

art, applied science: *techne*, craft, knowledge enabling production

timocracy: political system based on property qualification

Note: This is like Plato's "oligarchy," not like Plato's "timocracy."

Plato's "timocracy" is from *timé* (honor), but Aristotle's "timocracy" is from *timeme* (property qualification).