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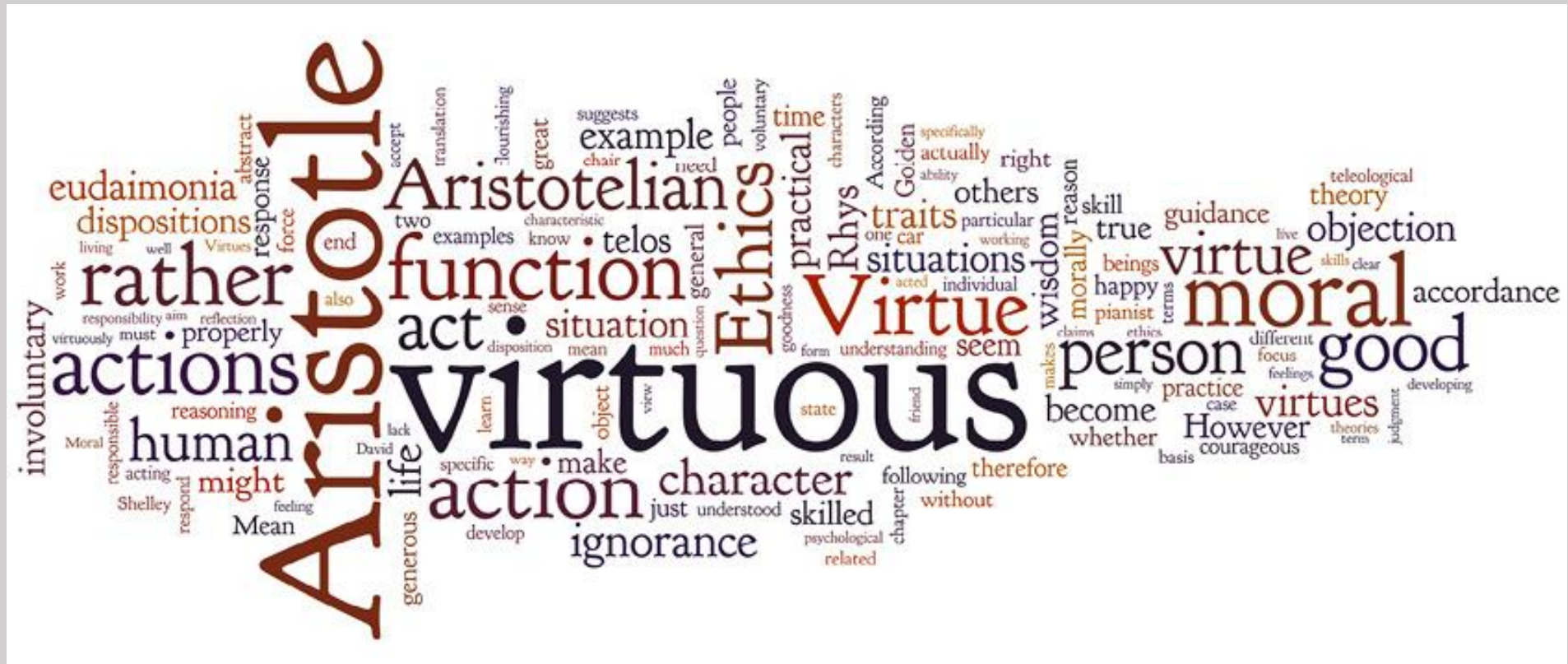


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Joy is more than living ethically

- Aristotle: ***Eudaimonia*** (human flourishing from living a virtuous, ethical life)



Joy is (surprisingly) found by denying self: “relinquishment”

- Cloistered nuns and monks
- Spiritual retreats
- Service to others
- Menial tasks
- Trials and tribulations

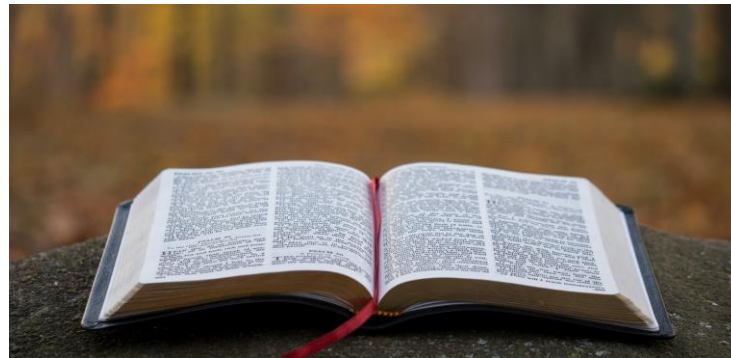
Joy is found in loving relationships

- With family and friends
- With God through the power of the Holy Spirit



Joy is found in studying God's Word ("special revelation"): Nehemiah 8:1-2, 12

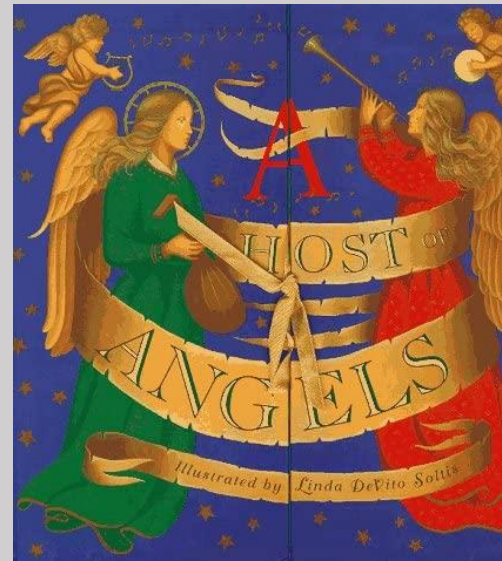
8 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. . . ¹² And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make **great rejoicing**, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.



Joy is found in the Word-made-flesh: Jesus

Luke 2:8-11

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you **good news of great joy that will be for all the people.** ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.



Christ's Love Leads to Joy

John 15:9-11

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my **joy** may be in you, and that your **joy** may be full.

Love → Joy

We are God's Joy!

Hebrews 12:2

- Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the **joy** that was set before him endured the cross



Let Us Pray

