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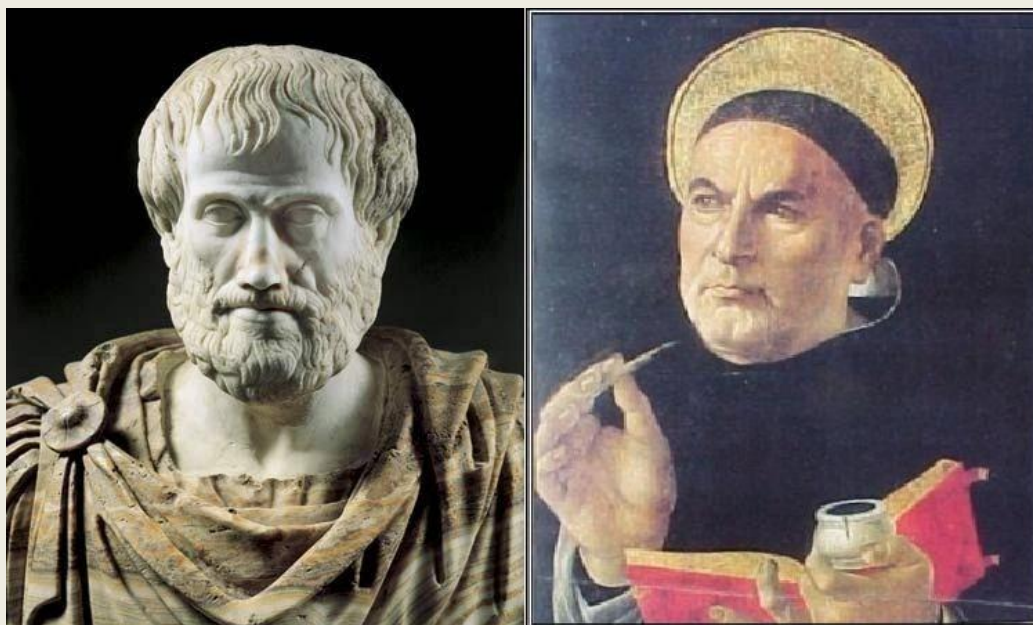
Szabadbölcselet disputák

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Thomas Aquinas' Aristotelian Concept of the Soul

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In this lecture, I will argue that Aquinas' conception of the ontological status of the human soul involves one of his typical 'balancing acts'. I will show that Aquinas is successful in balancing the human soul on what he construes as a sharp line separating the realms of matter and pure spirit, running right across our very being. I will argue for the consistency of Aquinas' conception, according to which the human soul, uniquely in God's creation, is both the inherent, material, substantial form of the human body, and the subsistent immaterial substance underlying the immaterial operations of its immaterial, rational powers, namely, intellect and will. But putting the point this way, the case may appear hopeless. How can one and the same entity be both material and immaterial, both inherent in matter and a subsistent, immaterial form?