

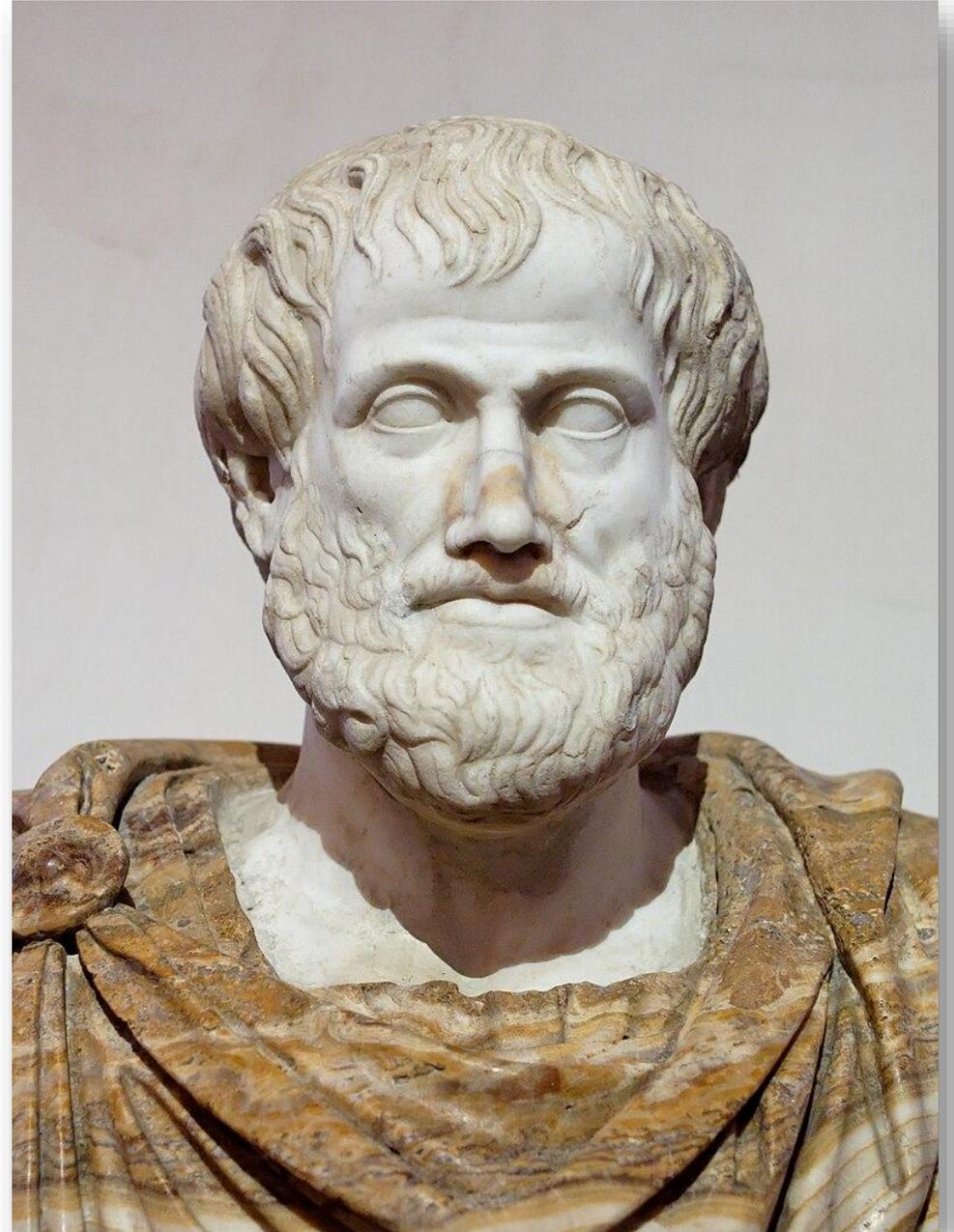
Cultivating Radical Hope in the Face of Climate Collapse

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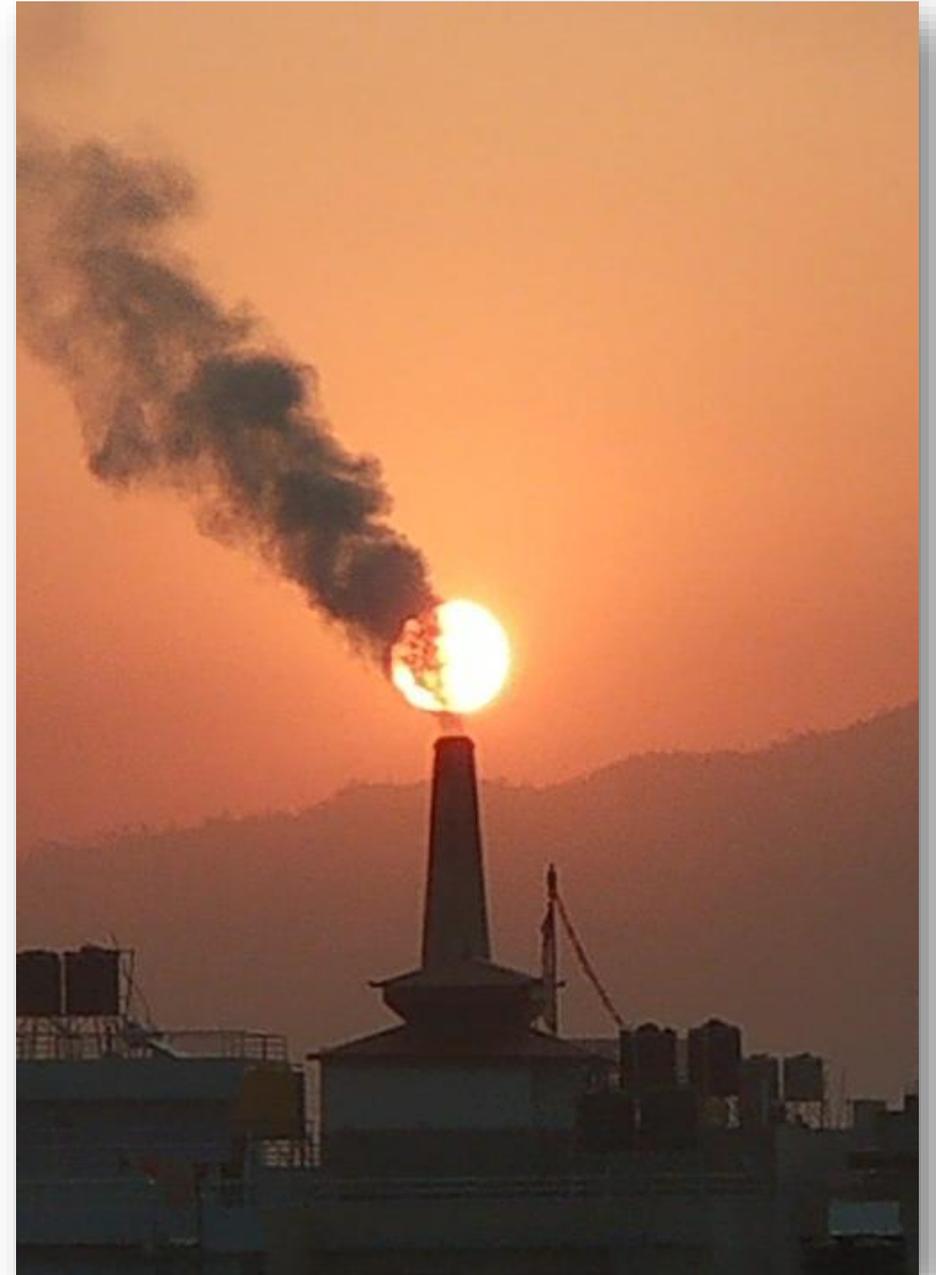
Character Education

- Virtues (bravery, kindness, honesty, gratitude)
- Habituated → autonomous virtue
- *Phronesis*
- Blueprint: ethical aims and aspirations
- Bring future into present
- But...



Climate Change

- Threatens Western industrial way of life
- Eco-anxiety
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- Blueprint evaporates
- Moral/developmental paralysis
- Blueprint placeholder?



Radical Hope

- Plenty Coups vs cultural collapse
- Radical hope – directed at future goodness that transcends current comprehension
- Blueprint placeholder

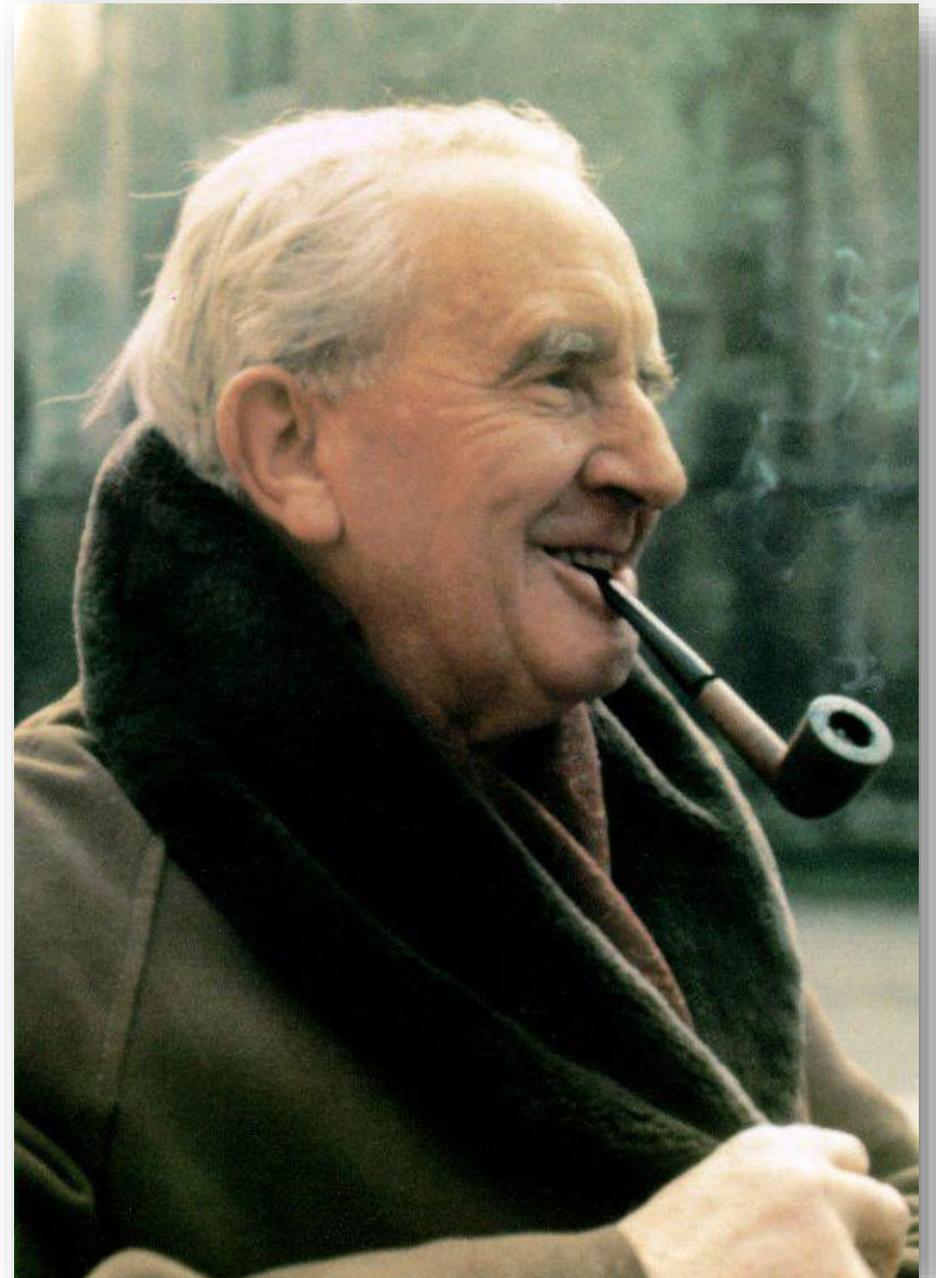


Literature

- Hope ~ eco-anxiety ~ education (Finnegan & d'Abreu, 2024; Frumkin, 2022; Jukes et al., 2024; Laranjeira et al., 2024; Malboeuf-Hurtubise et al., 2024; Williams & Grain, 2025; Wiseman et al., 2025)
- No *radical* hope
- Nothing from character education
- Nothing about *phronesis*

Stories

- Vehicles for character education
- Tolkien
- Good and evil
- Quotes
- Hypothesis
- Evaluation



An objection

- Aren't virtues supposed to be universal?

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