



MACEDONIAN EXPANSION . . .

. . . and Alexander the Great

Politics, post-Peloponnesian War

- Military shift = increase in mercenaries
- Spartan Empire?
 - ▣ Not good – example of the “Thirty Tyrants” in Athens
- Empire of Thebes
 - ▣ 401 BCE = Spartan coup against Persian king
 - ▣ 371 BCE = Thebes defeats Sparta
 - ▣ Collapse in 355 BCE
- Results of constant war?
 - ▣ Political instability
 - ▣ Economic disaster

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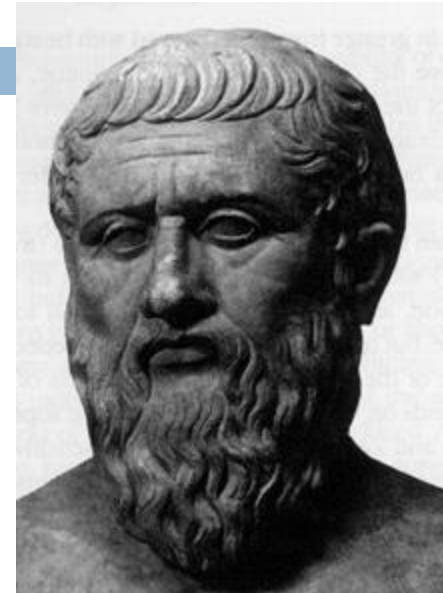
□ Changes in philosophy:

▣ Plato (ca. 428-347 BCE)

- “platonic forms” = knowledge comes from abstractions
- Plato's Cave

▣ Aristotle (384-322 BCE)

- “empiricism” = knowledge comes from experience in the natural world
- “political animals”
- Aristotle's “Golden Mean”

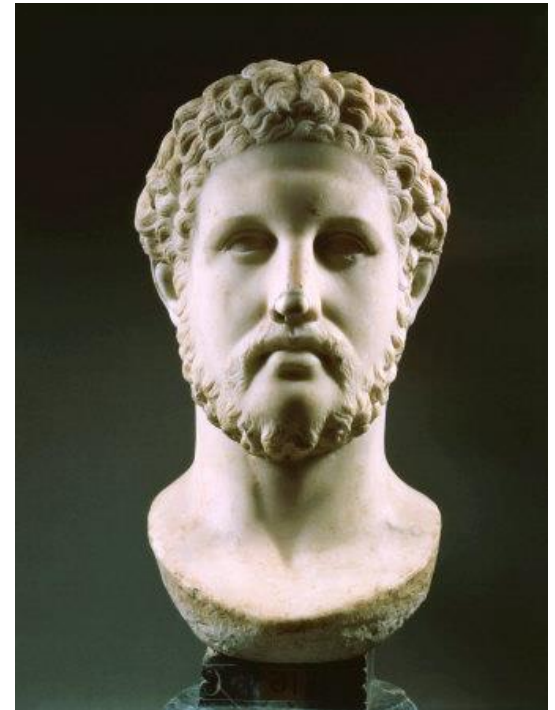


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The Macedonian Empire

- King Philip II (ruled 359-336 BCE)
- Reorganized Macedonian military
 - ▣ Longer phalanx spears, cavalry
- 348 BCE = truce with Athens?
 - ▣ 338 BCE = League of Corinth
- 336 BCE = Philip assassinated
 - ▣ Alexander becomes Emperor



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 - ▣ 331 BCE = liquidated Persian military
 - Declares himself King of Persia
 - ▣ Invades Afghanistan, into western India
 - 326 BCE = Battle of Hydaspes
 - ▣ 324 BCE = finally turns around

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- Emphasis on cultural assimilation
 - ▣ 35 model Greek cities
 - ▣ Adopted Persian traditions/rituals
- 323 BCE = Alexander died
- After death, family members killed
 - ▣ Empire collapsed
- 275 BCE = three major kingdoms evolve:
 - ▣ Ptolemy's Egypt
 - ▣ Seleucid Empire (Babylon, Turkey to Afghanistan)
 - ▣ Antigonid Kingdom (Macedonia and Greece)



