

Meeting 4

Comparisons

Virtuosity

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- BWV 1042 Violin Concerto 3rd Movement
- Chopin Op. 10 Etude Nr. 3 E major “Tristesse”
- Schubert Winterreise Lindenbaum
- Factual musical observations
- Musical observations of a higher order
- Hermeneutic considerations

Cardinal Virtues and Mastery

- Want to become a master?
- Attend a masterclass! ;-) (ex. Barenboim vs. Lang Lang)
- Classics (Socrates)
- Mastery at the center of education/upbringing
- Aiming at “the good life”: *eudaimonia*
- Aretè or Virtus is *the* critical condition

Being a “Master”

- More than skills
- More than intellect
- The master is more than “just” an expert or a scientist
- A “real” virtuoso, in performing, freedom of action, elegance



Cardinal Virtues



- cardinal comes from *cardo* (hinge/pivot) (!)
- centers of motivation: belly, heart, head
- virtues: temperance, courage, prudence
- the 4th virtue: justice (May the 4th be with you! ;-)



Temperance



- BELLY: have a nice and comfortable life (“chill”)
- restraint, not being a slave of your “needs”
- no need to become ascetic
- The deeper the joy we experience, the more perfect we become (Spinoza)

Courage



- HEART: fire, passion, ambition, achievement, “being someone” (?)
- “the greatest”, the “richest”, the “most beautiful”, ...
- balance

Prudence



- HEAD: truth, wanting to know, reality, reason, sense
- practical wisdom

Justice



- a “higher” virtue
- balance between the three others
- mastery and leadership
- society

Hermeneutics

- Related to the head and prudence:
- truth, wanting to know, reality, reason, sense
- practical wisdom
- Aristotle