

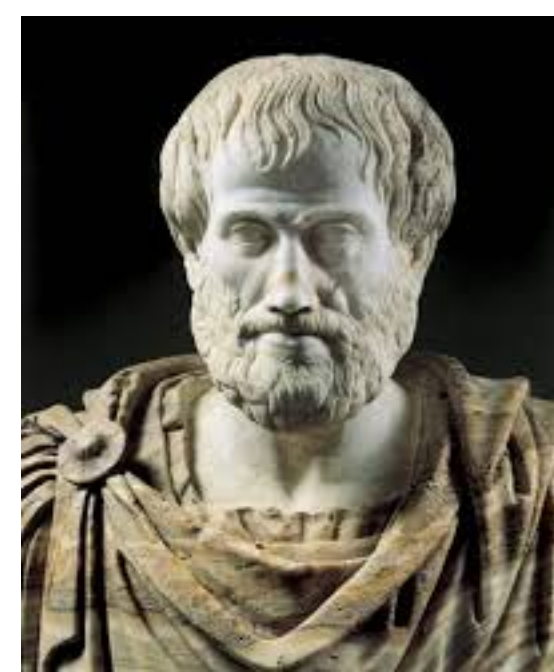
# Doing and Knowing: Action, Intention, and 'Practical Knowledge'

*Principal theses:*

- What makes an action intentional is the way it is informed by the agent's "practical knowledge" of what she is doing.
- This knowledge is therefore "the cause of what it understands".
- That is: Intentional action is action that is *guided or controlled* by an agent in virtue of her knowledge of what she is doing, and it is intentional because of this characteristic.



G.E.M. (Elizabeth) Anscombe (1919-2001), whose book *Intention* is the foundation of my project



Aristotle (384 BC – 322 BC) and Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), whose writings inspired Anscombe's position in *Intention*.

I develop this position in a book I am writing, in addition to several published and forthcoming papers.

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