

C&T Notes 10/7

pp. 258 Lawyers attach more importance to friendship than to justice

pp. 262 Utility friendship- like each other?

pp. 265 Summary of friendship types

pp. 259 Possession of many friends is a fine thing

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I. *Friendship and Justice*

- Do we think it's true?
- pp. 273 examples of friendships
- Without justice there would be no friendship
- pp. 259 between friends there is no need for justice

II. *Usage of "Qua"*

- pp. 278 a term not translated well?
- It could mean 'as', slave as slave
- pp. 279 Friendship to him as a slave is impossible, although as a human being it is possible
- Class agrees that it is possible to have a slave who is also your friend
- Benefit vs. Utility friendship
- You can still get things out of a friendship based on goodness

III. *Friendship as a two-way street*

- pp. 261 "Those who wish for the well-being of others in this way are called well-disposed if the same feeling is not evoked from the other party"
- A king can't be a true friend to the less superior
- Brothers can be good friends; perception of friendship
- Aristotle's definition of a perfect friendship

- Class asks “Why can’t a slave have a perfect friendship?”
- Aristotle’s idea that a slave is “a tool without a soul” may be inaccurate
- A factory worker can’t be friends with his boss while on the job- similar to a slave’s relationship with his/her master
- Why can’t slaves be friends?
- There is an obvious different cultural view on slavery which may be affecting our view of slaves
- Slaves have souls contrary to Aristotle’s belief
- “What type of slave may determine what kind of friendship you have with him/her

IV. *Aristotle contradicting himself*

- Can’t have utility and pleasure friendship at the same time, later on he says you can (note: translation difference)
- How can he contradict himself in such an obvious nature?
- Can a perfect friendship become more perfect?
- If you aren’t considered a friend what are you considered? An enemy?
- “A perfect friendship takes time”
- The idea of a utility enemy in war”
- There may be different levels of enemy just like in a friendship

V. *Different kinds of constitution*

- Father treats son as a slave
- “Persian fathers only love their sons for their own benefit”
- “This may be an uneducated jab at Persians”