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The literal meaning of philosophy is said to be “love” (Philo in Greek) and “Wisdom” (Sophia). While philosopher is said to be a lover of wisdom. But the main concern is the concept of wisdom and philosophy as a thinking activity. Pythagoras was the first person to call himself as a philosopher who is said to be a lover of wisdom. This does not depict that he was considering himself as wise but he appreciated and valued wisdom. There are different perspectives on the concept of philosophy. These concepts are provided by Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle, whereas these concepts also include philosophy as a thinking activity.

It is also important to explain the philosophy as a thinking activity. Thinking is an activity in which an individual assumes things about the surroundings and himself. Human thinking keeps on changing and every individual has his or her own thinking styles. Plato suggested that those individuals can lead and rule who have a vision, and they keep raising political questions. His philosophy was more oriented toward political activities. Whereas, Socrates suggests that, society is made up of different patterns and this society works collectively to achieve objectives. He also believed that individuals, life is important and that should be examined and determined to do something. Moreover, he believed in the consciousness and this is important to accomplish good things in society.

While the philosophy of Aristotle was comprised of the notions of the human body and soul, matter, and logical reasoning. Linking philosophy as a thinking activity it can be said that Aristotle’s philosophy was more oriented with philosophy as a thinking activity. He explained the concept of thinking activity by comparing humans with animals. He suggested that humans and animals are completely different because humans have the capacity to think while animals are not capable of thinking. These notions and perspectives about philosophies are different and they also contradict, whereas one links this with politics, and the other one links this with the human mind and soul.

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