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**Greek Mindset**

**Aristotle**

The three lives that Aristotle compared are distinctive and can be felt in modern day life. It can be said that the three types of life that Aristotle said were the only types can ever be thought of. The life of pleasure is the most common type as everyone seeks it, but it is eliminated by most because of vulgarity. The political life and lastly the contemplative one.

Virtue is an instinctive habit of a man to behave and act properly in a certain scenario. A virtue or a habit that is a part of a person’s permanent life is said to be a virtuous person. The presence of excellence makes up a virtuous man. The presence of something in between two harsh realities is defined as virtue by Aristotle. The Golden Mean as said by Aristotle by himself. The level of extremism and harshness has a midpoint and that is the Golden Mean.

The pursuit of happiness is not as simple as it can be said or ever defined. The term itself is head to define because happiness can mean anything for anyone. Some feel happiness differently while others feel happy in a total opposite way. The pleasure type of life is accounted for as pleasure can also have different meanings. If someone wants to be happy, the first thing he should do is limit his expectations and strive for own happiness. He should do and follow the dreams that he thinks will define him. People around us have the tendency to break us in parts, be with someone who loves and doesn’t expects anything in return. The true pursuit of happiness will start from there and it will go long way for him. This will make him happy without even expecting anything in return.

**Section 2**

The term classic or classical means that something very special and distinctive. The ancient Greeks were famous and known for their interest in art and philosophy. They excelled in these areas and still their work is being compared to modern day art.

The Hellenistic art period started right after the death of aAexander the great in 323BC. Hellenistic art can be said that it has diverged from the classical art as it can be seen from the sculptures and the mindset behind the Hellenistic art. The Greeks classical art style was famous all over the world and only thing that could make Hellenistic art acceptable was to borrow the concepts of classical art. Classical art was more of a philosophical one as it was meant for pleasure and to be recognized for the mindset behind it. On the other hand, the Hellenistic art never followed the concept of classical art of human anatomy, idealism and conceptualism. Hellenistic art depicts human emotions of every kind and how the human body works.

 There were many western movements that were voicing for the revival of classical Greek art and philosophy. Johann Joachim Winckelmann is considered the father of Neoclassicism because of his writings and literary works. The age of enlightenment accorded the main movement for the revival of neoclassicism and it sustained until 21st century. There were many movements all over the world in this time period and the revival of classical arts was deemed important by many art and philosophy enthusiasts. This embarked the inclusion of classical sculptures, museums, buildings, painting, architectures, decorative arts, fashion and even in music too. the styles of Baroque and Rocco was pre-dominantly rejected as a result of these movement. The purity of and naturalistic art forms were to be revived against the odd styles.

 These movements started from Europe as a result of some students who were impressed by classical art style and acknowledged the writing of Johann Winckelmann. From England to France and then to Sweden, these movements were spreading all over the world to revive the true art style of Ancient Greeks.

At present the art styles still are based upon the working of Greeks, that is the classical style and is appreciated all over the world. If classical style has still known its importance and has a fame, then this art style of Greeks can continue in the future as well. The present-day work being done on films, arts, music, literature is purely obtained from Greeks (Hodges 139-146). The list of Genre is huge, and it cannot be said which style will survive and will become classics of the future. Each genre represents its own variety and is unique in its own sense.

**Thesis Statement**

The lifestyle of Greeks and how they represented their thoughts is a mystery in its own world. A lot can still be learned from their philosophical mindset Aristotle being the proof.

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