Revisiting Philosophical Underpinnings ... Looking back ... Looking forwards

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Caveats

• History - Just one thing after another!

• Plato, Aristotle, Hahn and others ...

• What is this thing called OE??? What did Hahn stand for?
Journey...

Why Look Back?

Plato / Aristotle

Hahn

Implications ... Questions! ?
“An unexamined life is not worth living”  
(Apology 38a)
Two Branches of Education

...are not intended the one to train body, the other mind, except incidentally, but to ensure a proper harmony between energy and initiative on the one hand and reason on the other, so we may venture to assert that anyone who can produce the perfect blend of the physical and intellectual sides of education and apply them to the training of character, is producing harmony of far more importance (411e-412a).
Aristotelian Philosophy

- A theory of moral life on the idea that virtue interpreted as a natural disposition towards human well being – moral wisdom.
- What is well being?
- What is flourishing
- What are you trying to achieve with OE?
The Mean

- Courage
- Cowardice
- Temperance
- Fear
- Confidence
- Courage
- Safety
- Risk
- Balance
“How does a man become virtuous?”

A man becomes virtuous by doing virtuous acts. He becomes brave by doing brave acts. He becomes kind by doing kind acts. People need opportunities to learn value-related skills and opportunities to put values in to operation. We do not become brave or courageous simply by talking about it or reading about brave deeds. This may help but people need practice.
Aristotelian Concepts

Techne
Episteme
Phronesis
Eudamonia

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Phronesis

Someone who knows how to exercise judgment in particular cases. An intellectual virtue which is required, according to Aristotle, in order to exercise any other virtues of character.