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Rule of Many

Polity
(Constitutional
Government)

Democracy

Rule of Few

Aristocracy

Oligarchy

Rule of One

Royalty

Tyranny

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"If, however, there be some one person... whose virtue is so pre-
eminent that the political virtues of all the rest admit of no
comparison with his or theirs, he or they can no longer be regarded
as part of the state... Such a one may truly be deemed a God
among men."

Aristotle. *Politics*. Book III, Chapter 13

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Arete (αρετή) – “Virtue” or “Excellence”

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Sophia (σοφία) – Theoretical wisdom

Phronesis (φρόνηση) – Practical wisdom

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"listen to, and take the advice of, true philosophers. In so doing, he would enrich his reign with good deeds and not merely with fine words."

Aristotle. On Kingship

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“He who bids the law rule may be deemed to bid God or Reason rule. But, he who bids man rule adds an element of the beast; for desire is a wild beast, and passion perverts the minds of rulers .”

Aristotle. Politics. Book III, chapter 16

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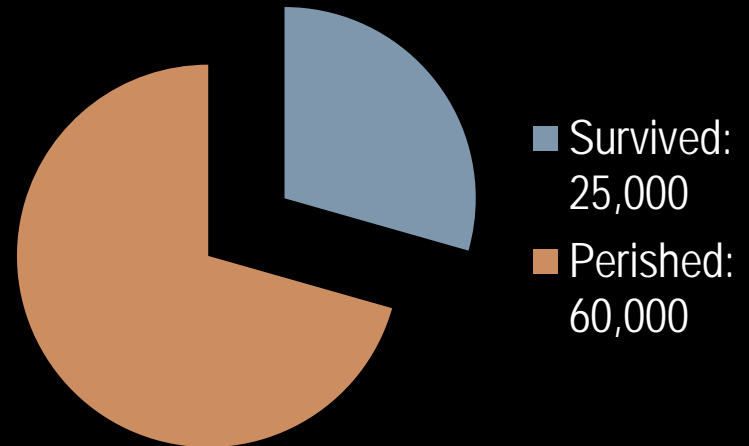
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Pothos (Πόθος) - The desire to achieve that which had not been accomplished, and is just beyond reach.

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85,000 troops in
25,000 troops out
70% died

Crossing of the Gedrosian Desert



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Conclusion:

Lack of practical wisdom (*Phronesis*)

Disregards advice

Guided by passions

Clearly does not rule for the good of his subjects.
