ACT I – PREAMBLE

THESE ARE THE HEROES THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN.

THESE WERE VOICES DROWNED BY THE RISING TIDE OF EVENTS BEYOND THEIR CONTROL.

THESE WERE PEOPLE WHO STOOD THEIR GROUND TO THE LAST INSTANT OF THEIR LIVES, FIGHTING IGNORANCE AND DESTRUCTION, WITH ONLY A HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE THEY KNEW THEY WOULD NEVER SEE.

THEY WERE NOT ANGELS; THEY WERE HUMAN BEINGS. THEY MADE MISTAKES. BUT THEY NEVER, EVER, QUIT. THEY NEVER GAVE UP.

THEY DID NOT MAKE THE WORLD ANY BETTER.

BUT IN THE END, THEY DID.

INTEGRITY WON.

THEY FAILED – AND EVEN IN VIOLENT DEATH, THEY SUCCEEDED.

THE DEATH OF EACH SIGNALED THE END OF A GREATER AGE, AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW, LESSER ONE.

BUT THEN, ONE DAY, AGAINST ALL ODDS – AGAINST THE GODS THEMSELVES, AND ALL THEIR VILLAINS AND ALL THEIR MINIONS – THE HEIRS OF THOSE HEROES BUILT A TRUE REBIRTH.

# ACT II – THE LEAD-UP: GETTING A FEEL FOR HISTORY



**RECAP - HISTORY OF THE WORLD** 

STONE AGE – PRIOR TO METALLURGY

BRONZE AGE – 3500 BC – 800 BC

SOUTHWEST ASIA – ELSEWHERE LATER IRON AGE – FROM 800 BC SUMER – 2800-2350 BC – FIRST HISTORIC CULTURE NOT SEMITIC WRITING PRIOR TO 3000 BC - CUNEIFORM AKKADIANS – 2335-2154 BC DARK AGE NEO-SUMERIAN 2112-2004 BC TIME OF ABRAHAM EARLY CODE OF LAW ELAMITES AMORITES – NOMADIC, NO AGRICULTURE

FORMED BABYLON BABYLONIANS – 1894-1595 BC HAMMURABI – 1792-1750 BC CODE OF HAMMURABI ASSYRIANS HITTITES – 1595-1160 BC **CITY OF TROY WAS HITTITE** ASSYRIANS - 1160-608 BC BABYLONIANS – TO 539 BC JEWS FORCED TO MOVE TO BABYLON PERSIA – CYRUS THE GREAT – 559-530 BC JEWS ALLOWED TO RETURN TO ISRAEL – CYRUS A HERO SEA PEOPLES – 1200-900 BC COLLAPSE OF HITTITES AND EGYPT END OF MYCENEAN GREECE PHILISTINES WERE SEA PEOPLE STORY OF SAMSON, DAVID, SAUL FENDED OFF BY EGYPT'S RAMSESES III (R. 1186-1155 BC) ABSORBED INTO POPULATIONS OF PHOENICIAN CITIES SUPPLIED KEELED BOAT DESIGN MAKING SEAFARING POSSIBLE PREVIOUSLY ONLY FLAT-BOTTOMED BOATS TO EGYPT PHOENICIANS – MERCHANTS; BUILT TRADE NETWORKS NOT EMPIRE-BUILDERS; TYRANTS SEMITES MIGRATED FROM SINAL PENINSULA MERGED WITH EXISTING LEVANT CANAANITES-SEMITES TRADE WITH EGYPT

FLAT-BOTTOMED BOATS – COASTAL ONLY ASSIMILATED INVADING SEA PEOPLES SUPPLIED KEELED BOAT DESIGN – OCEAN-CAPABLE EGYPT TRADE FADED

#### EUROPE Caucasions Phrygians Urartu ASIA MINOR Lydians Parthians Assyria Phoenicians SYRIA Medes and ISRAEL IRAN MESOPOTAMIA Babylonia Persians SOUTH ASIA EGYPT Arabs (Camel nomads) ARABIA AFRICA Nubia Arabian kingdoms

### **Three Heroes: Archimedes, Hypatia, Boethius**

1200-800 – PHOENICIAN GOLDEN AGE

EARLY

PORTS, WAREHOUSES, MARKETS, SETTLEMENTS MEDITERRANEAN, SOUTHERN BLACK SEA

# LATER

INCREASING CONTROL BY ASSYRIA, BABYLON ABOUT 814 PHOENCIAN CITY OF CARTHAGE FOUNDED CONSTANT COLONIZATION STRUGGLE VS. GREEKS GREEKS COLONIZED SYRACUSE, SICILY ABOUT 700 BC

100 YR. BEFORE SOLON, THALES, SAPPHO COLONIZED MASSALIA / MARSEILLES ABOUT 600 ABOUT 610-594 BC CIRCUMNAVIGATED "LIBYA" = AFRICA **REQUESTED BY EGYPTIAN KING NECHO II** SAILED FROM THE RED SEA, RETURNING THROUGH THE PILLARS OF HERCULES INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN NOTED "THE SUN WAS ALWAYS ON THE RIGHT" WRITING / RECORD-KEEPING – PROGRESSION **PICTOGRAPHS / PICTURES - CUNEIFORM** SYMBOLS FOR SENTENCES SYMBOLS FOR WORDS / IDEAS – HIEROGLYPHICS SYMBOLS FOR SYLLABLES SYMBOLS FOR SINGLE SOUNDS – CONSONANTS **INVENTION OF LETTERS** SYMBOLS / LETTERS JOINED TOGETHER ALPHABET 1500 BC - 1200 BC **PROTO-PHOENICIANS GREEKS ADDED VOWELS ABOUT 800 BC REQD FOR GREEK LANGUAGE** 

ACT III – PHOENICIANS vs. GREEKS – and a NEWCOMER



# ARCHIMEDES – 287-212 BC – CREATOR OF KNOWLEDGE GREEK MATHEMATICIAN, PHYSICIST, ENGINEER, ASTRONOMER, AND INVENTOR

ARCHIMEDES ANTICIPATED MODERN CALCULUS AND ANALYSIS BY APPLYING THE CONCEPT OF THE INFINITELY



SMALL AND THE METHOD OF EXHAUSTION TO DERIVE AND RIGOROUSLY PROVE A RANGE OF GEOMETRICAL THEOREMS, INCLUDING: THE AREA OF A CIRCLE; THE SURFACE AREA AND VOLUME OF A SPHERE; AREA OF AN ELLIPSE; THE AREA UNDER A PARABOLA; THE VOLUME OF A SEGMENT OF A PARABOLOID OF REVOLUTION; THE VOLUME OF A SEGMENT OF A HYPERBOLOID OF REVOLUTION; AND THE AREA OF A SPIRAL.

PROVIDED VIA THE METHOD OF EXHAUSTION:

THE BOUNDS  $3 + 10/71 < \Pi < 3 + 10/70$ , (GIVING A RANGE OF 1/497) BY COMPARING THE PERIMETERS OF THE CIRCLE WITH THE PERIMETERS OF THE INSCRIBED AND CIRCUMSCRIBED 96-SIDED REGULAR POLYGONS.

THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE INTERSECTION OF A LINE AND A PARABOLA IS 4/3 THAT OF THE TRIANGLE HAVING THE SAME BASE AND HEIGHT;

THE AREA OF AN ELLIPSE IS PROPORTIONAL TO A RECTANGLE HAVING SIDES EQUAL TO ITS MAJOR AND MINOR AXES;

THE VOLUME OF A SPHERE IS 4 TIMES THAT OF A CONE HAVING A BASE OF THE SAME RADIUS AND HEIGHT EQUAL TO THIS RADIUS;

THE VOLUME OF A CYLINDER HAVING A HEIGHT EQUAL TO ITS DIAMETER IS 3/2 THAT OF A SPHERE HAVING THE SAME DIAMETER; THE AREA BOUNDED BY ONE SPIRAL ROTATION AND A LINE IS 1/3 THAT OF THE CIRCLE HAVING A RADIUS EQUAL TO THE LINE SEGMENT LENGTH;

USE OF THE METHOD OF EXHAUSTION ALSO LED TO THE SUCCESSFUL EVALUATION OF AN INFINITE GEOMETRIC SERIES (FOR THE FIRST TIME);

FOUNDED HYDROSTATICS AND STATICS – ONE OF THE FIRST TO APPLY MATHEMATICS TO PHYSICAL PHENOMENA;

PROOF OF THE PRINCIPLE OF THE LEVER, THE WIDESPREAD USE OF THE CONCEPT OF CENTER OF GRAVITY, ENUNCIATION OF

THE LAW OF BUOYANCY.

ARCHIMEDES' SCREW – PUMP UP-HILL OR DOWN-HILL FLOW TO GENERATE POWER

BLOCK-AND-TACKLE PULLEYS





DIED 212 DURING 2<sup>ND</sup> PUNIC WAR – ROME VS. CARTHAGE AND GREECE ON SICILY IN SIEGE OF SYRACUSE

ON THE EQUILIBRIUM OF PLANES – CENTER OF GRAVITY, PARABOLIC SEGMENTS, LEVERS: "GIVE ME A PLACE TO STAND ON, AND I WILL MOVE THE EARTH."

THE ROMANS UNDERESTIMATED SYRACUSE'S DEFENSES, DUE IN PART TO SEVERAL MACHINES DESIGNED BY ARCHIMEDES, INCLUDING IMPROVED CATAPULTS, CRANE-LIKE MACHINES THAT COULD SWUNG AROUND IN AN ARC, AND STONE-THROWERS. ALTHOUGH THE ROMANS ULTIMATELY CAPTURED THE CITY, THEY SUFFERED CONSIDERABLE LOSSES DUE TO THE INVENTIVENESS OF ARCHIMEDES.

ROMAN GENERAL TOOK ARCHIMEDES' ORRERY.

GREECE CONQUERED BY ROME 146 BC "IN THE YEAR 1500 EUROPE KNEW LESS THAN ARCHIMEDES, WHO DIED IN THE YEAR 212 BC." – 1700 YEARS

"SINCE ARCHIMEDES LED MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE TO THE FORMATION OF THE CALCULUS AND SINCE HE WAS THE PIONEER OF THE APPLICATION OF MATHEMATICS TO THE PHYSICAL WORLD, IT TURNS OUT THAT WESTERN SCIENCE IS BUT A SERIES OF FOOTNOTES TO ARCHIMEDES. THUS, IT TURNS OUT THAT ARCHIMEDES IS THE MOST IMPORTANT SCIENTIST WHO EVER LIVED."





ORRERY RECONSTRUCTED ANTIKYTHERA





ARCHIMEDES DIRECTING THE DEFENSES OF SYRACUSE NO GREEK EVER AGAIN ROSE TO COMPETE AT THE LEVEL OF ARCHIMEDES.

ROME BEGAN AS A WARRIOR TRIBE, AND WOULD ALWAYS BE SO TO THE END OF HER DAYS, EVEN AFTER MOVING TO CONSTANTINOPLE. NO ROMAN WOULD EVER BE A MATHEMATICIAN.

THERE WOULD BE LIBRARIES IN CONSTANTINOPLE; BUT NO MORE THAN THAT.



# HYPATIA – ~360-~415 – TEACHER OF KNOWLEDGE

GREEK NEOPLATONIST PHILOSOPHER, ASTRONOMER, MATHEMATICIAN IN ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT

"NEOPLATONISM" – NEBULOUS MODERN GROUPING SEVERAL STAGES / PHASES / GROUPS RECASTED PLATO'S PHILOSOPHY ALL OF REALITY CAN BE DERIVED FROM A SINGLE PRINCIPLE, "THE ONE" FOUNDED BY AMMONIUS SACCAS (175-242) AND HIS STUDENT PLOTINUS (204-271) ALEXANDRIAN SCHOOL

DEVELOPED / EVOLVED 400s-500s BECAME CHRISTIAN

ROMAN EMPIRE CAPITAL MOVED FROM ROME TO CONSTANTINOPLE 330 ROMAN EMPIRE SPLIT INTO WEST AND EAST IN 395 EAST RULED FROM CONSTANTINOPLE WEST RULED FROM ROME 395-402 FROM RAVENNA 402-476



POPULACE KNEW ROME AND THE EMPIRE WERE IN DECLINE

ROME SACKED BY GOTHS 410 ... BY VANDALS 455

HYPATIA WAS ONE OF THE MOST EMINENT MATHEMATICIANS AND ASTRONOMERS OF LATE ANTIQUITY. SCHOLARS TRAVELED FROM AROUND THE CLASSICAL WORLD TO LEARN MATHEMATICS AND ASTRONOMY AT HER SCHOOL.

HER BRUTAL KILLING AT THE HANDS OF A FRENZIED MOB OF CHRISTIAN FANATICS SHOCKED THE GRECO-ROMAN WORLD. HYPATIA'S MURDER WAS A HISTORICAL MILESTONE. A THOUSAND YEARS OF MEDITERRANEAN-CENTERED EUROPEAN

CLASSICAL CULTURE WAS IN CRISIS – FIVE YEARS EARLIER ROME HAD BEEN SACKED BY THE VISIGOTHS. THE EUROPEAN MEDIEVAL PERIOD, CHARACTERIZED BY A THOUSAND YEARS OF RELATIVELY MINIMAL SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS, WAS BEGINNING.

HYPATIA WAS BORN IN THE GRECO-ROMAN CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT. LIKE MOST EDUCATED PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN IN LATE ANTIQUITY, HYPATIA WAS A GREEK SPEAKER. HER NAME MEANS "SUPREME".

HYPATIA'S FATHER WAS THEON OF ALEXANDRIA, AN EMINENT MATHEMATICIAN AND ASTRONOMER FAMOUS FOR HIS 'STUDENT EDITION' OF EUCLID'S ELEMENTS. THEON'S EDITION BECAME THE GO-TO VERSION FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS. EDITIONS BASED ON THEON'S WERE THE ONLY ONES KNOWN UNTIL ONE PREDATING IT WAS FOUND IN THE VATICAN LIBRARY IN 1808.

THEON WAS HEAD OF THE MOUSEION, AN ACADEMY THAT TAUGHT NEOPLATONIST PHILOSOPHY. HYPATIA FOLLOWED IN HER FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS, BECOMING A MATHEMATICIAN, ASTRONOMER, AND PHILOSOPHER.

COMPARED WITH THE STUNNING PROGRESS MADE BY THE LIKES OF EUCLID AND ERATOSTHENES IN ALEXANDRIA SOON AFTER THE CITY WAS FOUNDED, THE OUTPUT OF NEW IDEAS FROM THE CITY'S INTELLECTUALS HAD ALMOST DRIED UP IN HYPATIA'S ERA. NEVERTHELESS, ALEXANDRIA STILL HELD AN ALMOST MAGNETIC ATTRACTION FOR SCHOLARS. AFTER ATHENS, IT WAS THE GRECO-ROMAN WORLD'S LEADING CENTER OF PHILOSOPHY. OUR BEST SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT HYPATIA AND HER ACHIEVEMENTS IS SOCRATES SCHOLASTICUS, A GREEK CHRISTIAN HISTORIAN WHO LIVED IN THE SAME ERA AS HYPATIA. IN HIS MAJOR WORK THE HISTORIA ECCLESIASTICA, SOCRATES SCHOLASTICUS WROTE:

"HYPATIA OF ALEXANDRIA, DAUGHTER OF THE PHILOSOPHER THEON, MADE ATTAINMENTS IN LITERATURE AND SCIENCE THAT FAR SURPASSED ALL THE PHILOSOPHERS OF HER OWN TIME. HAVING SUCCEEDED [THEON AS DIRECTOR OF] THE SCHOOL OF PLATO AND PLOTINUS, SHE EXPLAINED THE PRINCIPLES OF PHILOSOPHY TO HER STUDENTS, MANY OF WHOM TRAVELED FAR TO RECEIVE HER INSTRUCTIONS."

THE HISTORIA ECCLESIASTICA IS ONE OF THE FEW SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT HYPATIA, THE FEMALE MATHEMATICIAN AND PHILOSOPHER OF ALEXANDRIA, WHO WAS BRUTALLY MURDERED BY A MOB, PROBABLY BY ORDER OF PATRIARCH CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA. SOCRATES PRESENTS HYPATIA'S MURDER AS ENTIRELY POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND MAKES NO MENTION OF ANY ROLE THAT HYPATIA'S PAGANISM MIGHT HAVE PLAYED IN HER DEATH, ARGUING INSTEAD THAT THE SHE WAS KILLED FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL PREFECT ORESTES IN HIS POLITICAL STRUGGLE AGAINST CYRIL. SOCRATES UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNS THE ACTIONS OF THE MOB, DECLARING, "SURELY NOTHING CAN BE FARTHER FROM THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIANITY THAN THE ALLOWANCE OF MASSACRES, FIGHTS, AND TRANSACTIONS OF THAT SORT." HYPATIA WAS THE LAST SIGNIFICANT NATURAL PHILOSOPHER OF CLASSICAL TIMES, AND HER DEATH CAN BE SAID TO BE THE

SIGNAL CLOSING THE CLASSICAL ERA AND HERALDING THE EUROPEAN DARK AGES.



### ACT V – FOR THE PAST, NO FUTURE

BOETHIUS – 477-524 – PRESERVER OF KNOWLEDGE ANICIUS MANLIUS SEVERINUS BOETHIUS

LIVED IN RAVENNA, ITALY, IN THE COURT OF THE OSTROGOTH KING THEODORIC THE GREAT

WEST ROMAN EMPIRE ENDED 476

ODOACER RULED 476-393; KILLED BY THEODORIC KNOWLEDGE OF ARISTOTLE'S WORKS HAD BEEN VIRTUALLY ABSENT IN THE EUROPEAN (LATIN) PART OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE, AND DID NOT SURVIVE ROME'S FALL IN 476.

BOETHIUS WAS A ROMAN SENATOR, CONSUL, MAGISTER OFFICIORUM, AND PHILOSOPHER OF THE EARLY 6TH CENTURY. HE WAS BORN ABOUT A YEAR AFTER ODOACER DEPOSED THE LAST WESTERN ROMAN EMPEROR AND DECLARED HIMSELF KING OF ITALY. BOETHIUS ENTERED PUBLIC SERVICE UNDER OSTROGOTHIC KING THEODORIC THE GREAT, WHO LATER IMPRISONED AND EXECUTED HIM IN 524 ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW HIM.

WHILE JAILED, BOETHIUS COMPOSED HIS "CONSOLATION OF PHILOSOPHY", A PHILOSOPHICAL TREATISE ON FORTUNE, DEATH, AND OTHER ISSUES, WHICH BECAME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR AND INFLUENTIAL WORKS OF THE MIDDLE AGES.

HIS TREATISE ON MUSIC "DE INSTITUTIONE MUSICA" WAS EXTREMELY INFLUENTIAL ON MEDIEVAL MUSIC, THEORY AND PRACTICE; IT WAS THE MOST WIDELY TRANSMITTED MEDIEVAL WRITING ON MUSIC.

AS THE AUTHOR OF NUMEROUS HANDBOOKS, AND TRANSLATOR OF PLATO AND ARISTOTLE FROM GREEK INTO LATIN, HE BECAME THE MAIN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY AND THE FOLLOWING CENTURIES.

BOETHIUS' FAMILY, THE ANICII, INCLUDED EMPERORS PETRONIUS MAXIMUS AND OLYBRIUS AND MANY CONSULS. HIS GRANDFATHER, A SENATOR BY THE SAME NAME, WAS APPOINTED AS PRAETORIAN PREFECT OF ITALY. HE DIED IN 454, DURING THE PALACE PLOT AGAINST MAGISTER MILITUM FLAVIUS AETIUS. BOETHIUS' FATHER, MANLIUS BOETHIUS, WHO WAS APPOINTED CONSUL IN 487, DIED WHILE BOETHIUS WAS YOUNG. ANOTHER PATRICIAN, QUINTUS AURELIUS MEMMIUS SYMMACHUS, ADOPTED AND RAISED BOETHIUS, INSTILLING IN HIM A LOVE FOR LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY.

BOTH MEMMIUS SYMMACHUS AND BOETHIUS WERE FLUENT IN GREEK, AN INCREASINGLY RARE SKILL AT THAT TIME IN THE WESTERN EMPIRE; FOR THIS REASON, SOME SCHOLARS BELIEVE THAT BOETHIUS WAS EDUCATED IN THE EAST; PERHAPS IN ATHENS.

THE ONLY WORKS OF ARISTOTLE (1425 PAGES) KNOWN AND TAUGHT DURING EUROPE'S DARK AGES (476-1200s) WERE THOSE (222 PAGES; 15.6%) TRANSLATED FROM THE GREEK INTO LATIN BY BOETHIUS, 477 AD - 524 AD:

CATEGORIES (17 PAGES), ON INTERPRETATION (34 PAGES), PRIOR ANALYTICS (57 PAGES), TOPICS (85 PAGES), AND SOPHISTICAL REFUTATIONS (29 PAGES).

TRANSLATOR OF PLATO AND ARISTOTLE FROM GREEK INTO LATIN AND EUROPE'S PRIMARY INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN CLASSICAL GREECE AND ROME PRIOR TO 500 THROUGH EUROPE'S DARK AGES CHARLEMAGNE'S FALSE RENAISSANCE 800 THE FIRST CRUSADE, 1096-1099, AND BEYOND ADDITIONAL INFLUENCES, INCLUDING 1. THE ARRIVAL OF GREEK SCHOLARS AND THEIR TEXTS TO ITALY FOLLOWING THE FALL OF CONSTANTINOPLE TO THE OTTOMAN TURKS IN 1453 GRAMMARIANS, HUMANISTS, POETS, WRITERS,

PRINTERS, LECTURERS, MUSICIANS, ASTRONOMERS, ARCHITECTS, ACADEMICS, ARTISTS, SCRIBES, PHILOSOPHERS, SCIENTISTS, POLITICIANS, THEOLOGIANS

 AS WELL AS TEXTS OBTAINED VIA VISITS TO MOSLEM LIBRARIES IN SEVILLE, SPAIN AND BAGHDAD BEFORE 1258 MONGOL SACK
FOSTERED THE RECOVERY OF ARISTOTLE AND GREEK CLASSICS GENERALLY
THOMAS AQUINAS' WORK THROUGH 1274
INTO THE RENAISSANCE, 1400s -1500s.

THOMAS AQUINAS' WORKS INCLUDE SUMMA THEOLOGICA (1274), COMMENTARIES ON SCRIPTURE AND ON ARISTOTLE – LEGITIMIZED ARISTOTLE, EASING TRANSITION. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH MADE THE STUDY OF HIS WORKS THE CORE OF THE PROGRAM FOR ORDINATION AS PRIESTS AND FOR OTHERS.

ACT VI – DARK AGES ALWAYS END 300 YEARS LATER CHARLEMAGNE'S FALSE RENAISSANCE 800

HEIRS TO ARCHIMEDES	287 BC - 212 BC
FRANCIS BACON	1561-1626
GALILEO GALILEI	1564-1642
ISAAC NEWTON	1643-1727
INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION	1760-1820
HEIRS TO HYPATIA	360-415
NICOLAUS COPERNICUS TYCHO BRAHE JOHANNES KEPLER	1473-1543 1546-1601 1571-1630
HEIRS TO BOETHIUS	477-524
THOMAS AQUINAS THE RENAISSANCE	1225-1774 1400s-1600s

HEIRS TO FRANCIS BACON and ISAAC NEWTON	
JOHN LOCKE	1632-1704
HEIRS TO BACON, NEWTON, AND LOCKE	
THOMAS JEFFERSON	1743-1826
JOHN ADAMS	1735-1826
AMERICA'S FOUNDING	G 1763-1789

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