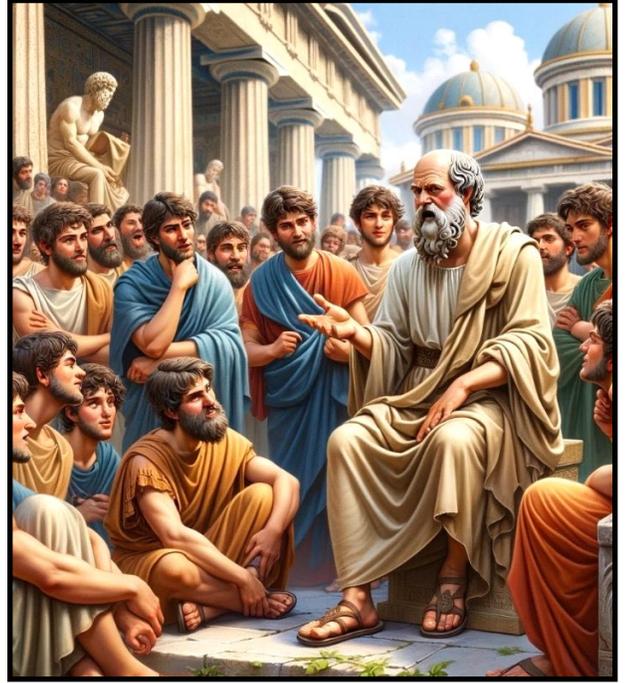


Demons and Eudaimonia

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“Demon”: devil (d-evil), evil spirit (super-human; super-natural)
Popular: genius, wizard, expert, master (speed demon; genius player)
Origin: Greek: daemon: personal spirit; “inspiring force”
Greek: **Eu-daimonia**: healthy-spirit; “the flourishing life”—happiness

“Happiness for a human being lies in doing what’s proper to a human being ... benevolence to others ... contemplation of universal nature and all its works.” (Marcus Aurelius)

The eudaimonic life is a life in pursuit of virtue (Pigliucci)

“Eudaimonia implies having one’s inner being in a good state ... Greek philosophers generally agreed that happiness was the goal of life.”

(Waterfield)