

the gods. And he will be also
the happiest; so that in this way too the philosopher
will more than any other be happy.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Do you think, as Aristotle suggests, that "there is some end of the things we do, which we desire for its own sake"? What could it be?
2. What do you think Aristotle means when he talks about the possibility that human beings have a "function"? What could this function be?
3. When discussing a person's character, Aristotle says that "states of character arise out of like activities." Do you think he is right about this? What would this tell us about how we should live?
4. If someone does the right thing out of habit, can we really praise this person for his action? Why or why not?
5. How does Aristotle argue that "perfect happiness is a contemplative activity"? Are you convinced?