Aristotle

1) Aristotle argues that Plato and Parmenides have trashed our common sense intuition of reality.

2) Plato does not want to deny the world. Reality is fundamentally intelligible (and moral).

3) Aristotelian Naturalism and Metaphysical Reductionism.

A metaphysical reductionist is someone who claims if you want to understand reality you need to analyze it and break it down into its parts.

4) Aristotle is a anti-reductionist.

5) Aristotle gives us a view of reality that accords with our intuitions.

6) One way of seeing Plato and Parmenides is as defining our intuitions about knowledge and certainty and our concern for reliability and then saying our intuitions about reality take second place. Aristotle wants to reverse the priority. Aristotle says our intuitions about reality should get pride of place.

7) For next time is Aristotle really just a backdoor Platonist?