

DID YOU KNOW?

- ★ Aristotle is quite possibly the last person in history that could reasonably be thought of as knowing everything there was to know. Born a noble, Aristotle's father, Nicomachus, was the personal physician to the king of Macedon. Aristotle was the student of the next most famous philosopher in history, Plato. He was also the teacher of Cassander, Ptolemy, and Alexander the Great. The first two went on to become kings, the other went on to **take over the known world**.
- ★ Immanuel Kant was not only one of the most important philosophers of all time, he also theorized the “Nebular Hypothesis,” in which stars and planets are formed via a spinning collection of dust and gas that then collapses into a disk. The spin of this disk **explains the formation and rotation of the planets and star**. Pierre-Simon Laplace gave it a mathematical equation after studying Kant's theory. The Nebular Hypothesis is now accepted (though often credited solely to Laplace) as the explanation for not only the formation of our solar system, but all similar systems throughout the Universe.
- ★ John Stuart Mill was personally tutored by Jeremy Bentham and his father, James Mill, who sought to train him to be a philosopher from an early age. By the age of 8, **Mill learned Greek, Latin, logic, calculus, politics, economics, and read the classic works of most Greek writers**. He then suffered a nervous breakdown.
- ★ By reading these fun facts, you've wasted precious seconds, effectively making you late to this week's tutorial. The tutorial is occurring right now in the Killam Library Atrium. What are you still doing here? **Run!**

