

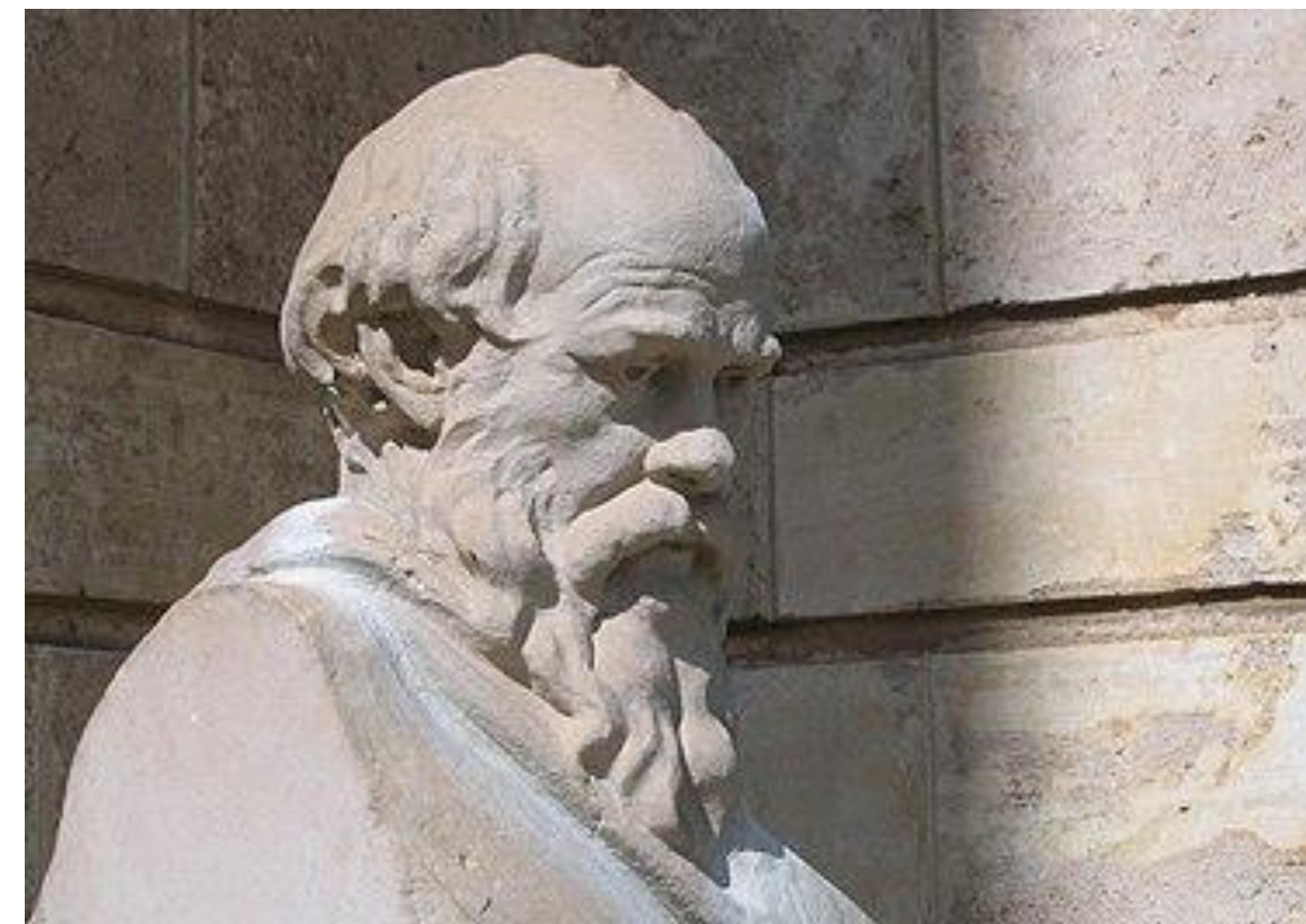
Everlasting Fight of Good and Bad

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Reading Reflection

Rushdie said that the influencer dies in the hands of the tyrant. It's often true that those of the arts are erased in the ideal world of tyrants, for artists are the ones to materialize the thoughts, wishes, and desires of the general public.

Artists are the people who attempt to provide ideas for more fitting solutions to a failing government. So the tyrant, who accepts their own singular truth as the only truth, will murder the artist and thoughts other than the Tyrants. We need art to include the thoughts of the people so that a real democracy is in existence.



Migration

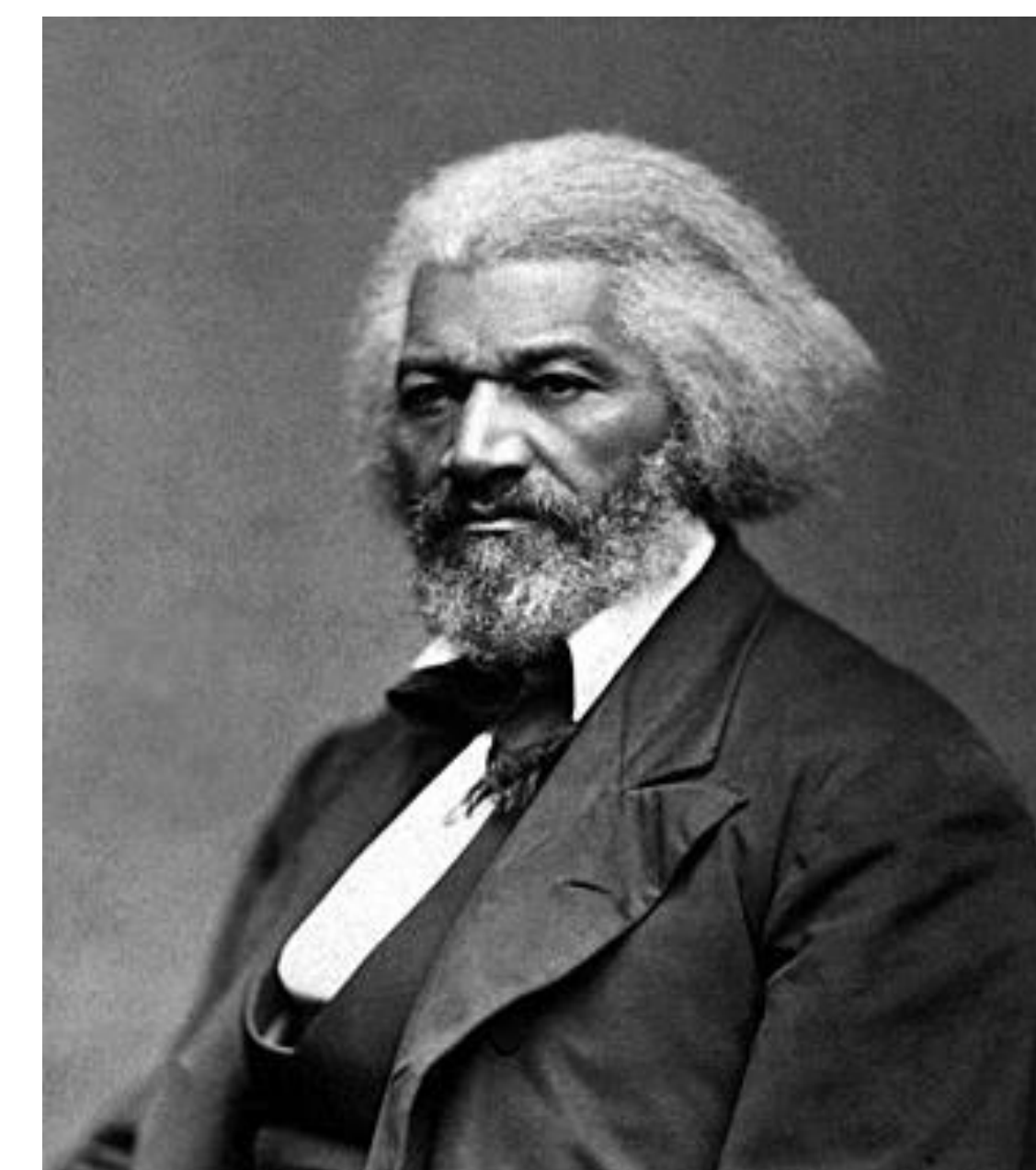
"you will come as an enemy to these commonwealths; and all who care for their city will look askance at you, and think that you are a subverter of law." –*The Crito*, Plato

Democracy

"Knowledge was then confined and enjoyed by the privileged few, and the multitude walked on in mental darkness. But a change has now come over the affairs of mankind...Intelligence is penetrating the darkest corners of the globe. –*The Meaning of the Fourth of July for the N**, Frederick Douglass

American Experiment

"all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it" –*Declaration of Independence*, Thomas Jefferson



IMPACT

Attending the Knowledge for Freedom Program allowed me to truly experience a fraction of standard college life unlike any other educational program in my academic career. I felt as if I finally had an outlet to let my creative mind write as I so pleased while contributing meaningful work that was appreciated by my professors and peers. If I wasn't so confident in pursuing college after high school, I would've definitely aspired to attend UTSA for as many years as I could, just as I do now.

ADVICE

The college experience is unlike any previous academic endeavors, when you attend Knowledge for Freedom, know that you're fully in control of the work that you do. Make friends no matter if they're your new best friend or not, these memories are the foundation to your future as a college student.