

Happy Birthday dear Bebe!

Here is a charming quote from Gene

* Plato bent a straight line into a circle

* * Aristotle straightening the line again



With love from Katarina with strawberries and poppies for you from the garden in Vancouver BC Canada

ARISTOTLE

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. . in [Plato's] Timaeus [36c-d] . . .
the demiurge (the creator, ho
demiourgos)

bent a straight line into a circle;

this single circle he divided into

two circles, united at two common points; one of these he subdivided into seven circles [sun, moon and five

planets]. All this implies that **the movements of the**

soul are identified with the movements of the heavens. . . It is evident that Plato means the soul of the whole to be like the sort of soul which is called **nous**, not like the sensitive. .

GENE

Later we will remember that Plato's Demiurge **began with a straight line** as the timeless beginning. Plato derives the visible perceivable universe **by bending** the straight line. The

curved is the rotating world we perceive. Aristotle will later allude to Plato's theory. Aristotle will move from

perception to understanding by **pulling the curved line out straight again!**

(III-4, 429b17).

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