



The political animal. Augustine, Aristotle and other medieval monsters- The man is a political animal “by nature” - explained Aristotle - because it is capable of friendship, needing to share knowledge, skills, techniques, work. After the sin of Adam and Eve - argued Augustine - the man is exposed to the permanent *jacquerie* of passions and antisocial disorder. But if politics were just a remedy to the ambiguous nature of man? A wide-ranging debate, the medieval one, also made up of curious case studies, such as the giant ‘Nimrod’, or the community of the Pygmies, or the skillful orator who gives life to civilization, or that of the City of Women.

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