

The Aim and the Argument of Aristotle's Metaphysics
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Part One: The Project of the Metaphysics (A-E, with discussion of Iota and MN)

- Iα1: The Metaphysics and the σκοπός of metaphysics {with an appendix}
- Iα2: The strategy of progressive definition and the argument of A1-2
- Iα3: Wisdom as περὶ ἀρχῶν: expectations of the ἀρχαί and the competing disciplines
- Iα4: Wisdom as περὶ τάγαθοῦ and the reconstruction of Platonism
- Iα5: The Metaphysics and its constituent books {with an appendix}
- Iβ1: The function of the introductory books (AB) and the argument of A3-10
- Iβ2: The "methodological" aporiai (B#1-4) and the program of Metaphysics Γff {with appendix}
- Iβ3: The "substantive" aporiai (B#5-15) and the quarrel of the disciplines
- Iβ4: The question of separation
- Iγ1: The causes of being and the senses of being (ΔE)
- Iγ2: Iota and the attributes of being
- Iγ3: The argument-structure of MN and their place in the Metaphysics

Part Two: The False Path (Z and H)

- IIα1: Z and the project of the Metaphysics
- IIα2: The questions of Z: what οὐσίαι there are and the οὐσία of a thing (Z1-3)
- IIα3: Different ways of seeking the οὐσία of a thing and the plan of Z3-16
- IIβ1: Z3: the ὑποκείμενον: Aristotle's negative argument
- IIβ2: Aristotle's doctrine of a non-separate ὑποκείμενον
- IIγ1: Z4-6: Platonic forms are not needed as causes of being
- IIγ2: Z7-9: Platonic forms are not needed as causes of becoming
- IIδ: Z10-16: Physical and dialectical parts of the λόγος do not exist prior to the thing
- IIε: Z17-H6: How to give the λόγος τῆς οὐσίας of a composite thing

Part Three: The True Path (Θ and Λ)

- IIIα1: Θ and the ongoing investigation περὶ ἀρχῶν
- IIIα2: Θ1-6: δυνάμεις, τὸ ὄν δυνάμει, and the concept of ἐνέργεια
- IIIα3: Θ7-9: conclusions for the ἀρχαί and the priority of ἐνέργεια
- IIIβ1: Introduction to Λ, and Λ1-5
- IIIβ2a: The strategy of Λ6 and the eternity of motion
- IIIβ2b: From eternal motion to its ἀρχή
- IIIγ1: Λ7: the ἀρχή as an object of thought and desire
- IIIγ2: Λ7, Λ9: the ἀρχή as νοῦς and as the good
- IIIγ3: Λ10: promises about the good redeemed, aporiai about the ἀρχαί resolved