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Abstract

The book is a publication, translation, and detailed commentary on one of Aristotle's most important texts. In the second book of "Physics," Aristotle sets out his theory of causality, which he adopts for the study of natural phenomena (the well-known four Aristotelian causes), opposes the mechanistic determinism of the Atomist philosophers, and proposes his own teleological perspective. He also touches on the question of whether there is such a thing as chance in nature. Any exposition of Aristotle's natural philosophy begins with an analysis of this text, which

is also a turning point for later natural philosophy (until the emergence of modern physics in the 17th century). The book is structured as follows: 1. An extensive introduction, which places Aristotle's approach in the context of the intellectual environment of the 4th century BC. 2. Aristotle's ancient text with its modern Greek translation, accompanied by a limited number of explanatory notes. 3. A detailed interpretation of Aristotle's text, structured according to the subheadings of the ancient text. 4. Bibliography, glossary, tables, and indexes.

