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Abstract

Aristotle's *Metaphysics*, one of the most influential works in Western thought, is a collection of fourteen treatises or books. The title is not by Aristotle and is due to a Hellenistic editor, traditionally identified with Andronicus of Rhodes (1st century BCE). *Metaphysics* (ta meta ta phusika) means "the things after the physical ..."

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[^] Aristotle's *Metaphysics* (1953), vol. 1, p. xxiii. [^] Silvia Fazzo, "Lo Stemma Codicum della Metafisica di Aristotele", *Revue d'Histoire des Textes*, XII, 2017, 35-58. [^] Robert Maynard Hutchins (1952), *Great Books of the Western World 8: Aristotle*, p. 495. [^] I read the *Metaphysics* [of Aristotle], but I could not comprehend its contents, and its author's object remained obscure to me, even when I had gone back and read it forty times and had got to the point where I had memorized it. Unlike Plato, Aristotle exhibited no trace of mysticism in his surviving works. This translation of Aristotle's *Metaphysics* by Hippocrates G. Apostle is apparently now out of print. When I read it in 1969, I was impressed with the accuracy of the translation as well as with Hippocrates Apostle's Glossary and editorial commentary. Equally serviceable translations are doubtlessly available today, though I have not consulted them. The term "metaphysics" should not mislead the twenty-first-century reader.