

PHILOSOPHICAL PREMISES OF COGNITIVISM. CAN THEY BE TRACED IN ARISTOTLE'S WRITINGS?

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Abstract

The history of psychology, despite the fact that it mentions briefly some contributions by ancient Greek philosophers, tends to neglect their relevance for today's psychology. We aim at proving in this paper that ancient philosophy, Aristotle in this particular case, might raise some interest not only for the history of psychology but for contemporary theories. Thus, functionalism and cognitivism find their roots (less metaphorically than one could think) in Aristotle's assertion that emotions are not random impulses but fully developed thoughts. Even more, the field of affective computing finds support for some of the theoretical premises in the same analysis of emotions made by Aristotle.

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