

Philosophy 609. Handout 06B. Diagram for III 1-2.

In chapter 2, Aristotle analyzes choice and the chosen, and he distinguishes it from wish and the wishable. In doing so he clarifies not only choice but also wish.

PRAISE AND BLAME

THE VOLUNTARY

WISH

DELIBERATION

CHOICE

THE INVOLUNTARY

PITY AND PARDON

WISHABLES CAN BE:  
IMPOSSIBLES

POSSIBLE BY OTHERS BUT NOT BY ME  
POSSIBLE BY ME, AT A DISTANCE

deliberation sorts out how the agent can bring the wishable from a distance to something "near" that he can achieve here and now; it is practical thinking

HENCE, THE CHOSEN IS:  
POSSIBLE  
BY ME  
HERE AND NOW

SOME CONDUCT IS INVOLUNTARY BECAUSE OF

–COMPULSION but not FEAR  
–IGNORANCE