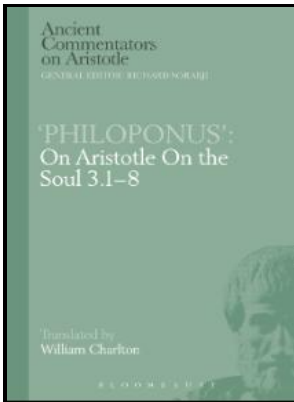


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It seems not only useful for the discovery of the causes of the derived properties of substances to be acquainted with the essential nature of those substances as in mathematics it is useful for the understanding of the property of the equality of the interior angles of a triangle to two right angles to know the essential nature of the straight and the curved or of the line and the plane but also conversely, for the knowledge of the essential nature of a substance is largely promoted by an acquaintance with its properties: for, when we are able to give an account conformable to experience of all or most of the properties of a substance, we shall be in the most favourable position to say something worth saying about the essential nature of that subject; in all demonstration a definition of the essence is required as a starting-point, so that definitions which do not enable us to discover the derived properties, or which fail to facilitate even a conjecture about them, must obviously, one and all, be dialectical and futile.

## Christopher Frey, Two Conceptions of Soul in Aristotle

Not its shape, but its actuality, that in virtue of which it is the kind of living thing that it is. It thus enables readers to assess for themselves Charlton's view that the commentary once ascribed to Philoponus should in fact be ascribed to Stephanus.

## [1.3.6] Aristotle on the Soul and Mind

Our aim is to grasp and understand, first its essential nature, and secondly its properties; of these some are taught to be affections proper to the soul itself, while others are considered to attach to the animal owing to the presence within it of soul. The earlier part of the commentary by 'Philoponus' on Aristotle's On the Soul is translated by William Charlton in another volume in the series.

## Philoponus': On Aristotle On the Soul 3.9

Tags: » Description On the Soul is a major treatise by Aristotle on the nature of living things.

## Aristotle on the Soul

Further, if what exists is not a plurality of souls, but a plurality of parts of one soul, which ought we to investigate first, the whole soul or its parts? Their souls are what make them living things. A knower in sense b has some actual knowledge for example, she may know that it is ungrammatical

to say with John and I , even though she is not actually thinking about it right now. At 412a22-26 he elaborates this example and adds this one: being asleep vs.

### **[1.3.6] Aristotle on the Soul and Mind**

It is linked to the body more directly: it is the form of the body, not a separate substance inside another substance a body of a different kind.

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