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Abstract: The article discusses the influence of Aristotle on philosopher Charles Sanders Peirce, particularly on the topic of final cause. According to the article, an important hurdle to grasping and accepting Peirce's application of Aristotelian teleology is the modern epistemological tradition from philosophers René Descartes to Immanuel Kant. The article notes that Peirce believes final causality to be operative not only in organic being, but in all of nature. In his work, "On Phenomenology," Peirce said that all nature abounds in proofs of other influences than merely mechanical action even in the physical world.
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