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Abstract: The article discusses the validity and significance of final causation in the context of modern theories of causal explanation and pragmatism by philosopher Charles Peirce. It identifies the difference between the Aristotelian and modern concepts of causation and its relevance to final causation in Peirce's pragmatism and developmental teleology. Aristotle views final causes as responsible for the explanation of the being of individuals and substances. The modern concept of causation is concerned with the physical events and the principle of motion governing such events.
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