

An Epicurean Study of Aristotle's Nichomachean Ethics

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Quote

Book 3 begins with more categorizing by Aristotle.

That "categorizing" is kind of a summary of the whole project isn't it?

Aristotle is at best a kind of mapmaker, which is all well and good if you remember the limitations of maps, but a fatal error if you start to worship maps and think that they were produced by someone drawing with god-like authority.

Reading through this after being aware of Epicurus' fundamental viewpoints is, as Don says, not really a very intimidating experience at all, because the limitations jump out at you. But I shudder to think at the negative impact to the world brought about by holding Aristotle up as some kind of paragon of god-like wisdom. And that's exactly what the "Objectivists" (and no doubt others) still do today.