

Episode 329 - EATAQ 11 - Cracks In The Academy On Ideal Forms And Virtue Lead To The Emergence of Aristotle, The Stoics, And Epicurus

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This episode is turning out to be a little shorter than usual, and kind of transitional, as we discuss the divergence of Aristotle from the Academy and begin to touch on the emergence of Stoicism. This is complicated stuff and we can only touch the surface in a broad way. As we proceed toward the end of Book One of Academic Questions over the next several weeks, I think our target should be to not try to do too much more than get a general feel for the major points of divergence between the schools. Even that is going to be quite a hurdle.

To assist myself as we go forward I asked Claude to produce for us a table of the major epistemological issues dividing the schools based primarily on the work of Long and Sedley in their "Hellenistic Philosophers." I think this is going to be of help to me and anyone who would like to refer to it can do so here:

[Epistemological Approaches: Platonism, Aristotelianism, Stoicism, and Epicureanism](#)

A comparative chart of epistemological approaches across the four major Hellenistic schools, grounded in the scholarship of David Sedley.

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