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Book Review of *Aristotle and Aristotelianism in Medieval Muslim, Jewish, and Christian Philosophy*, by Husain Kassim

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This book’s topic is the fundamental misunderstanding of the metaphysical thought of Aristotle in the Islamic philosophical tradition (ps. Aristotelian *Theology of Aristotle*, al-Kind, al-Farabi, Avicenna, Averroes) and also in the thought of Maimonides and Thomas Aquinas. Its thesis is that, with exceptions only minor and partial at best, the entire Islamic philosophical tradition with its concern for existence in reference to God, human immortality and so forth has misunderstood “Aristotle’s notion of predicative mode of metaphysical inquiry.” Portions of this thesis are well argued in parts of the book but overall this is a poorly done work replete with errors of typography, spelling, and basic English composition. Moreover, it is inconsistent, uncritical, uninformed and overly dependent on secondary sources, often paraphrasing and some- times quoting without proper attribution (e.g., McInerny, Marmura). The selection of primary sources also seems to be dependent on secondary sources for the most part. Nevertheless, because of its interesting thesis libraries should probably purchase this book.

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