

Summary

THE CONCEPT OF ὄΡΟΣ BETWEEN ARISTOTLE'S TWO *ETHICS*

The article shows a difference in Aristotle's ethical theory between the *Protrepticus* and *Eudemian Ethics* on the one hand and the *Nicomachean Ethics* on the other. The difference is explicated by means of the interpretation of the concept of ὄρος (standard) in these writings. The *Protrepticus* and *Eudemian Ethics* present ethical theory as an expertise which – together with other sciences – has a standard for decisions and actions taken from nature and the divine. The ethical theory presented in the *Nicomachean Ethics* does not entail such a strong concept of ὄρος and it treats ethics in contrast to other, more exact, sciences. Finally, the article presents a tentative suggestion as to why it seems that the *Nicomachean Ethics* VI,1 raises hopes that it will provide a detailed account of ὄρος when in fact there is no discussion of it.

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