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Aristotle on the Easiness of Philosophy

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Abstract

In fragments of the lost *Protrepticus*, Aristotle offers three linked arguments for the view that philosophy is easy. But why should Aristotle be concerned to defend philosophy's easiness in a protreptic work? After all, an activity's easiness might seem to have little to do with its choiceworthiness. And Aristotle himself highlights philosophy's difficulty in other works. This talk aims to situate Aristotle's neglected arguments within their dialectical context, to understand what sort of "easiness" they attribute to philosophy, and to address some of the obvious worries that they generate.

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