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### **Aristotelian Causation from the Perspective of Thomas Aquinas**

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#### **Abstract**

Causation has always been with man from the time of his creation for the simple reason that, as a thinking creature, he has been thinking about almost everything seeking the origins of their genesis. This can be considered as the source of his progress in the sciences leading to the improvement of life on earth.

Aristotle is the first ancient philosopher who dealt in depth with the question of causation. He discussed causation and the four causes as an independent philosophical issue which has been used not only in metaphysics but also in logical argumentation and physical motion.

Thomas Aquinas who is one of commentators of Aristotle has a different view about causation. In his

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theological works, he explains causation in a different way. Although he tries not to show his different view of causation in his commentaries, he does not follow Aristotle in his theological works and interprets causation according to his Christian beliefs.

**Key Terms:** *causation, cause, effect, the four causes, existential cause, God.*

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