

**Abstract.** The present translation deals with the Duns Scotus's Prologue of his *Quaestiones super libros metaphysicorum Aristotelis*. In this Prologue Scotus argues in favor of the nobility and dignity of metaphysics from the man's natural desire for knowledge and from the fact that metaphysics deals with the highest speculables: the most common concepts, first causes and first principles. Also, in the Prologue Scotus refers to the causes (efficient, final, formal, material) of metaphysics.

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