

Abstract. Aristotle is the main source of Thomas, because, certainly, he takes from him most important principles on which build his own thought. But, taking into account that Averroes, whose comments on the work of Aristotle Thomas got to know, was not a simple repeater of the doctrines of the Master but, trying to be faithful to his thinking, not only developed doctrines of his, but also was faced with issues that the Stagirite had not considered, like the challenge posed by the Koranic faith when affirming that God created all things “out of nothing” and “in the time”, we ask ourselves, regarding the main metaphysical notions of Aristotle, in what sense this progress meant a contribution to the thought of St. Thomas, especially in light of the explanation of his own notion of “creation”.

We intend, then, to trace possible elements of the thought of Averroes that could be an antecedent of that of Thomas, verifying, at the same time, the points of convergence between both thinkers as well as the point at which one and the other, even recognizing themselves as debtors of Aristotle, they distance themselves and distinguish.

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