

HYLOMORPHISM: WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE?

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ABSTRACT

The paper comprises an attempt on the part of the author to understand what hylomorphism is, both in its original Aristotelian guise, and in recent work by philosophers who defend what they call hylomorphism. Two species or strands of hylomorphism are identified and discussed. Universals, essences, and substantial forms make cameo appearances. The paper should be avoided by anyone with a deep scholarly interest in the history of hylomorphism or an aversion to inchoate discussions of inchoate topics.