

"The Harmony between Plato and Aristotle in the Consolation"

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It is well known that, in his second commentary on *Peri Hermeneias*, Boethius declares that his plan was to "bring back to harmony" (in unam revocare concordiam) the thought of Plato and Aristotle. I will try to show how and to what extent the effort to harmonize Platonism and Aristotelianism is the basis of some of the doctrines contained in the *Consolation of Philosophy*. Particular attention will be paid to the synthesis between Aristotelian abstraction and Platonic exemplarism in the theory of the modes of knowledge set out in the fourth prose of Book 5.