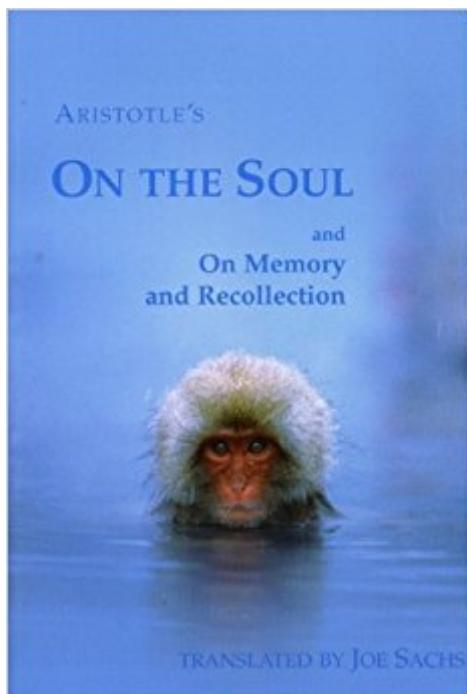


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Aristotle's *On the Soul* is among the most important books on the premodern account of soul. ... But *On the Soul* is as difficult as it is important and, for the English-language reader, help is needed. Few translators can match Joe Sachs's commitment to letting Aristotle speak for himself and to making clear what Aristotle has said. Sachs's introduction and notes are special. Based on my classroom use of this book, Sachs's work is indispensable for the teaching of Aristotle's *On the Soul*

--Richard F. Hassing, School of Philosophy, Catholic University

Aristotle lived from 384 to 322 BCE. He was a student of Plato for twenty years, and for the next twenty five years he was one of the most prolific of philosophic writers, as well as a keen biological observer. For almost 2000 years his teachings dominated the centers of learning in Europe and the Middle East. For all those willing to make the effort to follow his arguments, he is still a living thinker

of great power. Joe Sachs has taught for twenty five years at St. John's College, Annapolis Maryland, where from 1990 to 1992 he held the N.E.H. Chair in Ancient Thought. His other translations of Aristotle include Physics (Rutgers University Press), Metaphysics (Green Lion Press), and Nicomachean Ethics (R. Pullins Company).

The introduction and notes are extremely helpful. We have been reading it in a small book group and we've found that our difficulties are with the text not the translation which is refreshing. I would highly recommend it and I'm looking forward to reading Mr. Sachs translation of the Nicomachean Ethics.

An in-depth review of the soul and the body, and their relationship with each other, as well as how they operate individually. Very deep, and comforting for the person who lost a loved one and is hopeful that the soul indeed exists beyond the physical life. Purchased this for my daughter's Philosophy class at Boston College, but enjoyed reading for myself.

Aristotle's *De Anima* is a wonderful addition to his corpus. If you're considering buying it, you already know enough and need no further knowledge from me concerning it. Translation: Joe Sachs is a high-quality translator of Aristotle. His versions are highly accurate and literal, free from most bias. They generally are very reliable. Sachs does not use Latin cognates in his translation, so Greek words like "energeia" are rendered "being-at-work", versus the Latin "activity". If you don't mind this, than Sachs is the man for you. Aesthetics: Unbeatable. This edition was made for serious study and it shows. There is plenty of room in the margins for taking notes, key terms are given in each chapter for the reader to notice (some might consider this a negative point), and the text itself is beautiful, well-spaced, and easy on the eyes. Durability: If you know Green Lion Press, you will not be surprised. This book was made for study and is a steel-wrought tome among lesser volumes. The clothbound version has glued AND sewn pages and the spread can be fully opened without breaking the spine. The paper is thick and well-suited for note-taking. I expect my soft-bound edition to last fifty years. Size: A great size for casual reading. It fits almost anywhere you want it too - suitcase, backpack, etc. Price: Kind of pricey for such a short book (you can get half of Aeschylus and Herodotus for \$20), but not surprising given the awesome durability of the book. If you're looking for a good *De Anima* translation, look no further, for Green Lion and Joe Sachs are almost perfect (if only Green Lion would publish Apostle's Aristotle!).

Although the Sachs' translation and phrasing is difficult to ingest upon first glance, it is the only way to go in order to truly understand the meaning in Aristotle's work without reading the original Greek text. He captures Aristotle's subtleties in wording amazingly, while also preserving the literality and spirit of the Greek in a way that no other translator before has. The Greek vocabulary lessons preceding the chapters are extremely helpful, acquainting the unfamiliar with the fundamental words and concepts of Aristotle. He helps to make a deep and difficult treatise more manageable, although I would highly recommend using another translation to boot in any close reading of this work.

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