

## PHILOSOPHY

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### **The problem of freedom of choice (προαίρεσις) in ancient philosophy**

The issue of freedom of choice in ancient philosophy is considered. The key term in the definition of freedom of choice is the term proairesis – a conscious choice, a moral goal, which initially Aristotle defines as a combination of intention, thinking about the goal and will of a person, his moral act, later, in late stoicism, rethought by Epictetus as the moral core of a person's personality. It is with Epictetus that freedom of choice (proairesis) becomes a real personality, the true self of an individual, surpassing all other human abilities, freedom of choice is no longer simply responsible for individual acts of a person, but determines the whole person with his moral image. It is this moral – religious coloring of Epictetus' free choice that brings him closer to the Christian worldview.

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