

Galen's Epistemology

Determining what has gone wrong in a malfunctioning body and proposing an effective treatment requires expertise. Since antiquity, philosophers and doctors have wondered what sort of knowledge this expertise involves, and whether and how it can warrant its conclusions. Few people were as qualified to deal with these questions as Galen of Pergamum (129–c. 216). A practising doctor with a keen interest in logic and natural science, he devoted much of his enormous literary output to the task of putting medicine on firm methodological grounds. At the same time, he reflected on philosophical issues entailed by this project, such as the nature of experience, its relation to reason, the criteria of truth, and the methods of justification. This volume explores Galen's contributions to (mainly scientific) epistemology, as they arise in the specific inquiries and polemics of his works, as well as their legacy in the Islamic world.

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Abbreviations

The citations of Galen's works follow the conventions of CGT. Otherwise, unless included in the list below, ancient authors are cited according to LSJ and *TLL*.

Aët.	Aëtius, <i>Placita philosophorum</i>
Agnell. in SI	Agnellus of Ravenna, <i>Commentary on Galen's 'Sects for Beginners'</i>
ANRW	<i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt</i> (1972–)
BJP	Boudon-Millot, Jouanna, and Pietrobelli
BM	Boudon-Millot
CAG	Commentaria in Aristotelem Graeca (1882–1909)
CCTC	Cambridge Classical Texts and Commentaries
CGT	Cambridge Galen Translations (2013–)
Chrysipp.	Chrysippus the Stoic
CMG	Corpus medicorum Graecorum (1914–)
DeL	Phillip De Lacy
Diocl.	Diocles of Carystus
DK	Diels, H., and Kranz, W. (1951–2 ⁶). <i>Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker</i> . Berlin.
DL	Diogenes Laertius, <i>Lives of Eminent Philosophers</i>
Euc. Elem.	Euclid, <i>Elements</i>
H.	Helmreich
Ioh. Alex. in SI	John of Alexandria, <i>Commentary on Galen's 'Sects for Beginners'</i>
K.	Kühn (1821–33)
KD	Epicurus, <i>Kuriai doxai</i> (= DL 10.139–154)
LCL	Loeb Classical Library

LSJ	Liddell, H. G., Scott, R., and Jones, H. S. (eds.) (1996). <i>A Greek-English Lexicon</i> (Ninth edition, with a revised supplement). Oxford: Oxford University Press
Nemes. <i>Nat.</i> <i>hom.</i>	Nemesius of Emessa, <i>On the Nature of Man</i>
Pall. <i>in SI</i>	Palladius, <i>Scholia on Galen's 'Sects for Beginners'</i>
PhA	Philosophia Antiqua (Brill)
Plut. <i>Cons.</i> <i>Apol.</i>	Plutarch, <i>Consolation to Apollonius</i>
Plut. <i>Comm.</i> <i>Not.</i>	Plutarch, <i>Common Conceptions against the Stoics</i>
Plut. <i>San. Tu.</i>	Plutarch, <i>Advice about Keeping Well</i>
Plut. <i>Ser. Num.</i> <i>Vind.</i>	Plutarch, <i>On the Delays of Divine Vengeance</i>
Plut. <i>QC</i>	Plutarch, <i>Table Talk</i>
SAM	Studies in Ancient Medicine (Brill)
Sen. <i>Cons.</i> <i>Polyb.</i>	Seneca the Younger, <i>Consolation to Polybius</i>
SVF	von Arnim, H. (ed.) (1903–1924) <i>Stoicorum veterum fragmenta</i> . Leipzig.
TLL	<i>Thesaurus Linguae Latinae</i> (1900–)
WF	Walzer and Frede (1985)