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Outline

- Kuhn starts thinking about history of science in 1947
- Viewed through a classical mechanics lens, Aristotle is not only “wrong” but “blatantly wrong”; inconsistent with his brilliance in other writings.
- Two things that allow K to view A through A’s eyes:
 1. Qualities are ontologically primary (viz. material bodies as in classical mechanics)
 2. Notion of place *as a quality*.

Further reading

Kuhn, Notes on Lakatos Butterfield, Origins of Modern Science.