Aristotle’s account of how the living supervenes on, or emerges from, the non-living is at once biological, physical and logical – but is it coherent? Recent controversy has focused on his explication of the difference between living body parts and the similarly-shaped aspects of a dead corpse. A new approach is here suggested, emphasizing the metaphysics of what might be termed Aristotle’s “biochemistry”.

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