Central to ancient philosophy, pervading medieval thought in a distinct way, and also finding a place in modernity, final causality, many would argue, is far from being merely an historical issue, but rather constitutes an essential topic of philosophical inquiry. What, however, is the current status of thought about teleology? What is the influence of telos on contemporary human culture? Have thinkers of the past been too dependant on teleological explanations? Is there an end or goal to history? To philosophy?