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misunderstood the Metaphysics on this crucial point, says Kosman.

of energeia is not "actuality" but "activity." We have subtly

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