



در دفاع از سور بنیادین در اتاق انتولوژی

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Abstract:

Shifting to Ontologese, whose quantifier is stipulated to be the most fundamental, helps ontologists claim that ontological questions are substantive, even if ontological questions in English are not. Korman argues that even granted that there is such a quantifier, the revolutionary strategy is still problematic; because defenders of the new versions of ontological views cannot provide a reason for their views. He examines some arguments for nihilism phrased in Ontologese at length and claims that there seems to be no reason to defend the view. The main aim I pursue is to show that the ontological debates formulated in Ontologese can reasonably proceed. To this end, I need to argue against Korman by presenting some reasons in favor of the new account of nihilism. I will argue that since all fundamental facts about the world are explained in terms of fundamental entities, defenders of the view can claim that they are the only items in the fundamental quantifier's domain. I will then attempt to show that the view enjoys more parsimony than its rivals. The main conclusion to be drawn is that by following the revolutionary strategy, Ontologists still would be able to argue for their ontological view and, more significantly, save the debates as substantive.

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