



فراوظیفه برای قدیسان معتدل

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Abstract:

There are praiseworthy actions that are not required since they go beyond the call of duty and are supererogatory. That there are such actions is a simple, plausible thought in common sense morality. However, the philosophical literature on it goes back to J. O. Urmson's "Saints and Heroes" (1958), where he argues that the familiar ethical theories fail to accommodate this possibility. Since then, it has proven difficult to explain this "simple" thought, inviting a variety of attempts to solve the problem of supererogation as well as leading some authors to deny it. Against this background, first, it is argued that the problem of supererogation is presented in the ethical work of Miskawayh. Second, Miskawayh on supererogation is not merely historically important, but it is philosophically relevant. For one, his proposal to solve the "hard" problem of supererogation has advantages over contemporary alternatives.

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