



ابتناى متافیزیکی و چشم‌انداز آن برای خودتوضیحی

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Abstract:

Posing the famous question, “Why is there something rather than nothing?”, Leibniz demanded an ultimate explanation for the existence of our world. The question was once deemed the “fundamental question of metaphysics” since a plausible answer may lead to discovering the nature of our world. However, Leibniz’s question is often rejected as meaningless or impossible to answer; the main objection is that nothing can explain the obtaining of itself to offer an ultimate explanation. In this talk, I will argue that some values inherent in our world can ultimately explain why anything exists. This is my plan: First, I show what Leibniz’s question demands is *a relation of constitutive/metaphysical dependence*, recently developed in terms of grounding theories. I next develop the Platonic idea that *the Form of the Good bestows existence to the world* in terms of metaphysical grounding. Finally, I show that the world’s natural values (its simplicity and diversity) can explain why our world exists and is valuable; the latter is the sort of self-explanation in demand by Leibniz’s question. The essence of our world is therefore its simple order of increasing diversity.

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