

Review of: "Formal Theology"

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The author introduces an intriguing possibility in the article, suggesting the establishment of a theological connection point within the framework of physical ontology to enhance theological legitimacy. However, it is imperative to remind the author to thoroughly understand the self-consistency and limitations of modern scientific physical ontology. Only through a nuanced understanding of this aspect can an appropriate perspective be identified for the intervention of theological ontology, thereby delineating a reasonable space for its incorporation.

Engaged in research related to cognitive science of religion, I am aware that the concept of God is often considered a supernatural autonomous entity, and attributes such as omniscience and omnipotence are more akin to subjective experiences of individual believers. Moreover, traces of the origin of this entity and its characteristics can be found in the evolutionary history of the human brain and behavior. Consequently, the plausibility of its existence in a physical sense may be challenged. In other words, the author may need to provide additional evidence from physical, physiological, and anthropological perspectives to bolster the rationale for their position.

In my view, this issue is both excessively broad and intricately complex. If the author remains interested in exploring this topic further, it might be worthwhile to contemplate the level of acceptance scientists would have for such a proposition and compare it with the behavioral characteristics attributed to God by religious authorities. Identifying common ground for discussion between the two realms before proposing a possibility could potentially be a fruitful approach.

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