

An Analytical Assessment of the View of Ayatollah Mesbah Yazdi about the Criterion of the Credibility of Moral Propositions

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Abstract

Ayatollah Mesbah Yazdi rejects the common view that moral propositions depend on generally accepted ideas, and also Allameh Tabatabai's view that moral propositions are based on human rational constructs. Ayatollah Mesbah attempts to show that moral propositions have their roots in reality, and philosophers by considering them to be generally accepted ideas did not mean to say that they are credible only due to their general acceptance. He also denies the theologians' view that the goodness or badness of moral propositions is evident and he believes that even principles like the goodness of justice are in need of arguments. He maintains that what makes actions good or bad and moral propositions valid is their compatibility with human final ends and true perfection. Adopting a comparative analytical method, the paper seeks to explain Ayatollah Mesbah's view on the criterion of the validity of moral propositions, to determine the soundness of his view, and to analyze his view.

Keywords

Criterion of the validity of moral judgments, moral propositions, Mohammad Taqi Mesbah Yazdi, rational goodness or badness, generally accepted ideas, meta-ethics.

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