

Fundamentality of believe in God in Allammeh Tabatabaei and Plantinga's views

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Abstract

The belief in the existence of God has always been attacked by opponents. One of them is the so called evidentialism challenge. In this paper, the opinions of Allameh Muhammad Hussain Tabatabaei, and Alvin Plantinga about the above mentioned challenge is taken into consideration. Although both believe that belief in God does not need to be proved and all the arguments are used just for supporting the faith. But, Plantinga who belongs to the tradition of reformed epistemology, criticizes the theory of traditional foundationalism and introduces “God exists” as a basic propositions for theist in specific conditions. On the other hand, Allameh Tabatabaei who belongs to traditional foundationalism school, in proving God's existence has used a principle that in its certainty there is no doubt among philosophers and epistemologists: the reality and non-reality couldn't come together. So that proposition must be self-evident.

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