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Mirdamad's Views on 'Existence' and 'Quiddity'

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Abstract

The present article is an attempt to clarify Mirdamad's views on 'existence' and 'quiddity' and the relationship between the two. To this end, this great philosopher's explicit view on 'the fundamental reality of quiddity' and meaning, the ontological position of 'existence' and 'quiddity', the bases upon which one can posit the mentally-based position of existence and the real nature of fundamentally real quiddity are clarified. Indeed, the present article and any other study on 'quiddity-based' thoughts are assumed to lead to the recognition of all residues of 'quiddity based' views in transcendent philosophy and so it would improve our knowledge of

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the 'fundamentality of existence'. It is to be noted that the present study is limited to the analysis of Mirdamad's thoughts. The detailed comparison of such thoughts with those of transcendental philosophy is beyond the scope of the present article.

Key Terms: *existence (wujud), quiddity (mahiyyah), meaning of Existence and Quiddity, relationship between existence and quiddity, fundamental reality (asalt al-wujud, asalt al-mahiyyah), ideality('i'tibari nature), Mirdamad.*

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