

The Way to Define God in Ibn Sina's Viewpoint

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Abstract

As God is free from substantive essence, God's definition through this approach is impossible. The question we respond in this article is that is it likely to define God not in essence but in other aspect? Ibn Sina's respond to this question is that since God and simple creatures' definition is not possible in essence, there is another definition which is as equal as the definition on the basis of essence in terms of epistemic value and authenticity. He calls this definition as the one by the help of the objects and its incarnation is God's definition through His objects. In the first step, Ibn Sina defined God as "Necessarily Existant by Itself", then expanded and deepened this definition by analyzing indispensableness of the essence and by discovering the direct and indirect objects. In this article, after stating the quiddity of the object and the way of defining based on them, we clarified how to use them for God according to Ibn Sina's viewpoint.

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