

A Review on Sheikh Ahmad Ehsaei's Drawbacks to the Relationship between Soul and Body from Mullasadra's Point of View

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Anthropological issues have long been of special interest to various philosophers and thinkers. Amongst these, the relationship between soul and body has a special position. Using the principles of transcendent philosophy, Sadr al-Muta'allehin presents his view on the relationship between the soul and the body. Meanwhile, Sheikh Ahmad Ehsaei is one of the most important critics of Sadra's philosophy. The issue of the relationship between the soul and the body is the culmination of Ehsaei's opposition to Mulla Sadra's view. To an extent that an example of every error that he believed was involved in "the issue of relationship between the soul and the body" of Sadra can be found in Ehsaei's works. In this article, an attempt has been made to examine the Ehsaei criticisms of Sadra's soul and body relationship. There are two fundamental drawbacks, the rejection of the fundamentality of existence and substantial motion. There are three drawbacks that deal with the issues of soulology: the rejection of the abstraction of imaginal power, the opposition of physical contingency to verses and hadiths, and the contradiction of physical contingency with abstraction of the soul. The root of all the drawbacks that Ehsai brings to Sadr al-Mutalahin is trusting the appearance of verses and narrations and misunderstanding of the fundamentality of existence and substantial motion.

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