

## Investigation of Phenomenological Problems for the Theory of Mental Existence in the Light of the Sense Datum Theory

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In the contemporary philosophy of perception, there are different tests including some phenomenological tests which focus on the conscious aspects of perceptual experiences in order to investigate different theories in the field. One of these theories is the sense-data theory in which the phenomenology of perceptual experience can't be completely captured and this raises different objections against it. Some of these objections are related to the object-oriented aspect of the phenomenology of perceptual experience, the phenomenology of primary qualities, and the quality of depth. Appealing to certain ontological and epistemological positions, the defenders of this theory have tried to solve some of these problems. With respect to some apparent similarities between sense-datum theories on the first hand, and theories of mental existence in the

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tradition of Islamic philosophy on the other hand, it seems that those objections can easily be extended to the theory of mental existence. By relying on some aspects of transcendental philosophy in Islamic tradition such as the essential union between external objects and their mental forms, the sensory and imaginary forms' being caused by the human soul, the distinction between the essential primary predication and the technical common predication in addition to some characteristics of presential/immediate knowledge, the authors of the current paper have tried to propose some solutions to the above-mentioned objections.

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