

Analysis of Mulla Sadra's view on the Criteria for Achieving Supreme Happiness

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Abstract

In his various works, MullaSadra speaks about the highest levels of happiness in such a way that it may be interpreted as meaning that such happiness is reserved only for those who have perfected the faculty of thought. In this case, the criterion of supreme happiness from his perspective would be specific only to those who are people of theoretical wisdom, and as a result, other people would not benefit from this status. This view has precedents outside the Islamic world in Aristotle and within the Islamic world in Al-Farabi, Ibn Sina, Suhrawardi, and Al-Ghazali. However, this interpretation of MullaSadra's words and attributing it to him faces problems. If we can prove the attribution of these two views to MullaSadra, then we will be able to show that such an understanding of his view of happiness is not correct: 1- The perfection of theoretical power does not only mean philosophical contemplation and includes mystical intuition. 2- Reaching the level of intuition is not achieved only through philosophical contemplation.

However, at the level of Mulla Sadra's negative statement about the criterion of happiness, his words sometimes imply a kind of philosophical elitism and the deprivation of the masses of people from achieving happiness, and this point paves the way for criticism.

Key words: Supreme Happiness; Mulla Sadra; transcendental wisdom; Practical wisdom.

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