

God as a Moral Agent (2)

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Abstract

This article delves into the second part of a comprehensive inquiry into the nature of divine agency. The central questions guiding this research are: (1) "Is God a moral agent?" This probes whether God possesses a moral nature and if His essence, attributes, desires, will, and actions are subject to moral evaluation, akin to human beings.

(2) If God is a moral agent, "Is divine morality identical to human morality, or does it diverge entirely or partially?"

This article compares and critically examines the theoretical and practical implications of three competing theories of divine agency: "God as an autocratic agent," "God as a pragmatic agent," and "God as a moral agent." The first part of this research, focusing on the conception of God as an autocratic agent, was previously presented. This second part explores the remaining two conceptions. A third article will elaborate on the consequences of each conception for practical theology.

Keywords:

Divine Agency; God and Morality; Religion and Morality; Divine Nature; Autocratic God; Virtuous God; Pragmatic God.

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