

Kant and Theism

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Abstract

Immanuel Kant is the most Influential philosopher of the Enlightenment, whose works are clearly visible in all areas of thought, from science and philosophy to religion and ethics, in all subsequent eras. Among his tremendous influence on theology and theism is such that it can be claimed that modern Christian theology is completely Kantian. There have been two different opinions about this influence among Kant interpreters and commentators. The first opinion claims that Kant, although criticizing theoretical reason, rejects traditional arguments for proving the existence of God in his critique of theoretical reason, he proves God and other metaphysical ideas in his critique of practical reason. The second opinion claims that by rejecting the arguments for proving existence of God in the realm of theoretical reason, Kant not only does not prove metaphysical ideas in practical reason but also weakens and shakes their foundations. In this article while explaining and examining these two opinions, we adopt the second and argue for it.

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