

Divine Laws and Sensitivity to the Empirical Evidence: Conceptual Considerations and Methodological Insights

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Abstract

The studies of divine laws are amongst those few theoretical realms that almost impact all human and social sciences. The development of this field of study is facing hurdles to be got over. The paper at hand tries to give, on the one hand, a comprehensive and exact philosophical account of social divine laws, and, to respond, on the other, to the question that ‘are the divine laws some sort of *ceteris paribus* laws or not?’ If yes, they perhaps include some unspecified qualifications, and here, comes the crunch: How would those qualifications be made explicit to become sensitive to the empirical evidence? This second question is pivotal, and the first one only paves the ground for it. In this paper, at first, I have suggested a philosophical analysis of social divine laws. Then, I have proposed a five-stage solution to the question of how the unspecified qualifications of divine laws are made clear and come to the fore. Given the solution goes through, the driven laws are expected to be more sensitive to the empirical data.

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