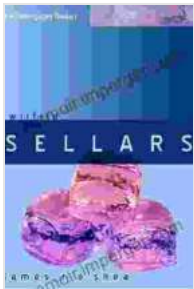


Naturalism with Normative Turn: Key Contemporary Thinkers

Naturalism is a philosophical position that holds that all reality is reducible to the natural world. This means that there is no supernatural realm, and that all natural phenomena can be explained by natural laws. Naturalism has been a dominant force in philosophy since the 17th century, and it has been used to explain a wide range of topics, including the mind, consciousness, and morality.



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In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in naturalism. This is due in part to the work of key contemporary thinkers who have sought to develop a naturalized account of normativity. Normativity is the study of the nature of norms, and it includes questions about what makes something good or bad, right or wrong. Traditional naturalists have argued that

normativity cannot be naturalized, but contemporary naturalists have challenged this view.

This book explores the recent resurgence of naturalism in philosophy, focusing on the work of key contemporary thinkers who have sought to develop a naturalized account of normativity. The book provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of the debate, and it offers a critical assessment of the different positions that have been put forward.

Chapter 1: Naturalism and Normativity

This chapter provides a brief overview of the history of naturalism and its relationship to normativity. It examines the arguments of traditional naturalists who have argued that normativity cannot be naturalized, and it considers the challenges that contemporary naturalists have raised to this view.

Chapter 2: The Work of John Searle

This chapter examines the work of John Searle, one of the most influential contemporary naturalists. Searle has argued that normativity can be naturalized by appealing to the concept of constitutive rules. Constitutive rules are rules that create new forms of activity, and Searle argues that they can be used to explain the normativity of social institutions.

Chapter 3: The Work of Philip Pettit

This chapter examines the work of Philip Pettit, another influential contemporary naturalist. Pettit has argued that normativity can be naturalized by appealing to the concept of dependence. Pettit argues that norms are dependent on the facts of human nature, and that they can be justified by showing how they promote human flourishing.

Chapter 4: The Work of Michael Smith

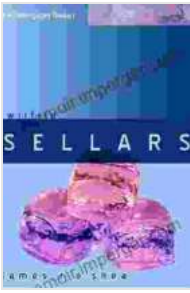
This chapter examines the work of Michael Smith, a contemporary naturalist who has developed a naturalistic account of moral realism. Smith argues that moral facts are objective facts about the world, and that they can be known through reason. Smith's account of moral realism is a significant challenge to traditional naturalism, and it has sparked a great deal of debate.

Chapter 5: The Future of Naturalism

This chapter considers the future of naturalism in philosophy. It examines the challenges that naturalism faces, and it assesses the prospects for a successful naturalized account of normativity. The chapter concludes by arguing that naturalism is a promising philosophical position, and that it has the potential to make significant contributions to our understanding of the world.

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The future of naturalism is uncertain, but it is a promising philosophical position. Naturalism has the potential to make significant contributions to our understanding of the world, and it is likely to continue to be a major force in philosophy for many years to come.



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