

A Valuable Argument for Proving the Existence of God in Islamic Philosophy

(Which is Unknown for Western Philosophy of Religion)

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Abstract:

Seddiqin argument is an argument for proving the existence of God that its most famous kind is posed by Mulla Sadra. This argument has a high place in Islamic philosophy. I am going to introduce this argument and its philosophical foundations in the framework of new conceptions of Western Philosophy. This argument is based on fundamental reality of existence, analogical gradation and simplicity of existence. I also explain about other versions of this argument; and after some explanations about Sabzavari's Seddighin Argument I will introduce the last kind of this argument in Tabatabaai's views, which is the its simplest kind. I will explain at the end of this paper the differences between this argument and ontological argument in Western philosophy of religion.

I believe that this argument can successfully reply all criticisms in Western philosophy that have been posed against the arguments for the existence of God. This study can be done in another paper.

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