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Cosmological Argument

Stanford Encyclopedia Editors <editors@plato.stanford.edu> Fri, Dec 16, 2016 at 8:31 AM
To: David Roemer <david@dkroemer.com>

B1;95;0cDear David,

Thanks for your message. We take critiques of SEP entries seriously -- especially if there are claims about the errors of fact (or of omission) or claims about violations of SEP guidelines seriously. At present, however, we don't know exactly which passages you find problematic. From a quick read of your linked page, it seems like you think there ought to be some citation of Etienne Gilson's work and possibly Alan Bennett's work. But for us to proceed, there is a certain protocol that we have to follow. Please send us a bulleted list, with a bullet point for each specific error of fact or omission. For each bullet point, you will need to:

* indicate the section of the article in which the problem lies,
* quote the sentence or sentences in the entry which you believe to be in error or which fail, by omission, to represent the facts, and
* present your case, with documentation, as to why the sentences are in error or fail to comply with SEP guidelines:
  - For errors of fact, the documentation has to be citations to the primary or secondary literature that we can actually get ahold of and examine.
  - For problems of omission, we'll need documentation of specific facts or arguments omitted along with an explanation of why they should be included.
  - For failures to comply with SEP guidelines, please cite the guideline listed at http://plato.stanford.edu/guidelines.html

Once you send us your bulleted list, my office will inspect your points and determine whether the evidence you present merits a further investigation. If you've presented a solid prima facie case, we'll raise the matter either with the author or with the subject editors, depending on the nature of the problems you raise.

I trust you can understand that we can't simply present general observations to our authors and ask them to make changes, but rather have to identify specific, evidence-based problems with their entries. If you document the problems, we'll certainly investigate.

All the best,
Yours,
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