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Philosophy 449

Topic:

According to historical accounts Leibniz had an upbringing that leaned towards the religious. As a result, he spent a large portion of his philosophical career attempting to reconcile some of his more secular ideas with his religious ones. An excellent example of this is his attempt to explain human free will in the presence of an omnipotent God. I believe that by attempting to “have his cake and eat it too” Leibniz contradicts himself on several occasions. I will point out these contradictions and then give my own theory on how free will works by tweaking some of Leibniz’s points. I will use “Leibniz on Divine Foreknowledge of Future Contingents and Human Freedom” and both of the class texts.

Method:

In my final paper, I will expand on my second paper and propose that it is impossible believe in human free will and still believe that God is 100% correct in his predictions about our behavior. Instead, I will make the argument that God simply makes incredibly accurate predictions about our behavior based on his knowledge of our physical and moral predispositions.