

Norms, Natures and God

Alexander R. Pruss

Contents

Acknowledgments	5
Chapter I. Introduction	6
1. Introductory Remarks	6
2. Aristotelian Natures	6
Chapter II. Ethics	7
1. Mersenne Problems	7
2. Normative Ethics	7
3. Flourishing	7
4. Metaethics	7
5. Medical ethics	7
Chapter III. Epistemology	8
Chapter IV. Mind	9
Chapter V. Semantics	10
Chapter VI. Metaphysics	11
Chapter VII. Laws of nature and causal powers	12
Chapter VIII. Harmony, Evolution and God	13
1. Harmony	13
2. Explaining harmony by natures and evolution	13
2.1. Number of natures	13
2.2. Nomic coordination	13

CONTENTS	4
2.3. Fit to DNA	13
2.4. Fit to niche	13
2.5. Nature zombies	13
3. Explaining harmony theistically	13
Chapter IX. Eternal Life and Fulfillment	14
Chapter X. Aristotelian Details	15

Acknowledgments

Central ideas for this paper were developed as part of the Wilde Lectures in Natural and Comparative Religion at Oxford University, Trinity Term, 2019.

CHAPTER I

Introduction

- 1. Introductory Remarks**
- 2. Aristotelian Natures**

CHAPTER II

Ethics

1. Mersenne Problems

2. Normative Ethics

3. Flourishing

4. Metaethics

5. Medical ethics

CHAPTER III

Epistemology

CHAPTER IV

Mind

CHAPTER V

Semantics

CHAPTER VI

Metaphysics

CHAPTER VII

Laws of nature and causal powers

CHAPTER VIII

Harmony, Evolution and God

1. Harmony

2. Explaining harmony by natures and evolution

¹

2.1. Number of natures.

2.2. Nomic coordination.

2.3. Fit to DNA.

2.4. Fit to niche.

2.5. Nature zombies.

3. Explaining harmony theistically

¹This section owes much to discussion in my mid-sized objects seminar, and especially to Christopher Tomaszewski's suggestions on the explanatory powers of forms.

CHAPTER IX

Eternal Life and Fulfillment

CHAPTER X

Aristotelian Details