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Michael Dummett's new book is the greatly expanded and recently revised version of his distinguished William James Lectures, delivered in 1976. For example, perhaps one ought say that the argument from a contradictory collection of premises to an unrelated conclusion is valid in the sense that in virtue of its form it is not the case that the premises are true an the conclusion untrue so it is valid in one precise sense but that nonetheless, in another sense the form of the argument does not ensure that the truth of the premises leads to the truth of the conclusion.

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These problems turn on the...

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Of course, in the proof-centered approach as well, there is a question of distinguishing the logical vocabulary see the entry on. Dummett does not assume the correctness of any one logical system but shows how the choice between different logics arises at the level of the theory of meaning and depends upon the choice of one or another general form of meaning-theory.

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A substitution of an argument is an argument obtained from the original one by replacing the nonlogical terms with terms of the same syntactic category in a uniform manner. Truth is understood constructively: sentences are true in virtue of potential evidence for them, and the facts described by true sentences are thus conceived as constructed in terms of potential evidence. Exactly what proofs are is a big issue but the idea is fairly plain at least if you have been exposed to some proof system or other.

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One way of dealing with this worry is to employ external means, such as proof theory, in support of the model-theoretic definition.

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I attempt to defend Dummett against both criticisms. In order to determine the correct shape for a meaning-theory, we must attain a clear conception of what a meaning-theory can be expected to do.

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