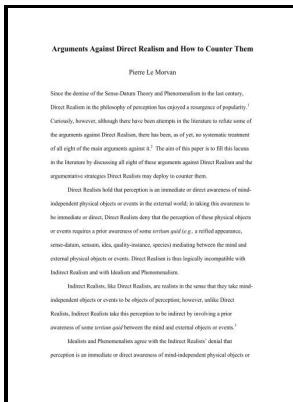


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A person can still believe in nonpersonal physical energy or force, which for all practical purpose is just as real and unyielding as what was formerly believed to be matter.

Realism vs. Anti

Where Carnap could make no sense of the notion of mind-independent reality, Albert Einstein had no such difficulty. Essays in Quasi-Realism Oxford: Oxford University Press. However, one can infer from his discussion what he thinks is involved.

Realism vs. Anti

There are, then, problems in reconciling a non-physical conception of sense data with certain widely held views concerning causation. Then there are two ways in which we can explain this covariance. Direct Realism Perceptual realism is the common sense view that tables, chairs and cups of coffee exist independently of perceivers.

Realism vs. Anti

This meaning-theoretic focus is something new. Philosophers who subscribe to quietism deny that there can be such a thing as substantial metaphysical debate between realists and their non-realist opponents because they either deny that there are substantial questions about existence or deny that there are substantial questions about independence.

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For the same reason, metaphysical realists need not accept that the entities and structures ontologists posit exist mind-independently.

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Obviously in such a situation something other than predictive accuracy would be necessary to distinguish between them, and I can see how you

might use Bayesian analysis in such a situation to dismiss the omnipotence theory as having almost no chance of being true. The non-physical nature of sense data seems to threaten the coherence of an indirect realist description of sensory experience. Best opinions, on this sort of view, do not just track independently constituted states of affairs which determine the extensions of the properties that form the subject matter of D: rather, they determine those extensions and so to play an extension-determining role.

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