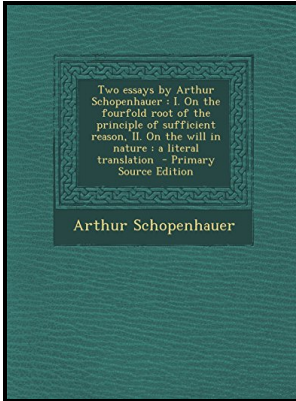


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Conversely, if we begin by choosing a certain kind of object to explain, we are obliged to use the style of reasoning associated with that kind of object. For we can only comprehend relations between Objects; but two Objects never can be one, excepting as parts of a whole.

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Far from being immoralistic, his moral theory is written in the same vein as those of Immanuel Kant 1724—1804 and John Stuart Mill 1806—1873, that advocate principles that are in general accord with Christian precepts.

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The light of revelation, like other lights, requires a certain amount of darkness as an indispensable condition.

Arthur Schopenhauer (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

For, by the fruitlessness of its endeavours to think in opposition to these laws, our Reason acknowledges them to be the conditions of all possible thinking: we then find out, that it is just as impossible to think in opposition to them, as it is to move the members of our body in a contrary direction to their joints. All that is stereometrical in our perception is added by the Understanding, which has for its sole data the direction whence the eye receives its impression, the limits of that impression, and the various gradations of light and dark: these data directly indicate their causes, and enable us to distinguish whether what we have before us is a disk or a ball.

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Now, if seeing consisted in mere sensation, we should perceive the impression of the object turned upside down, because we receive it thus; but in that case we should perceive it as something within our eye, for we should stop short at the sensation. In using such expressions as 'sound

Reason teaches this' or 'Reason should control passion,' we by no means imply that Reason furnishes material knowledge out of its own resources ; but rather do we point to the results of rational reflection, that is, to logical inference from principles which abstract knowledge has gradually gathered from experience and by which we obtain a clear and comprehensive view, not only of what is empirically necessary, and may therefore, the case occurring, be foreseen, but even of the reasons and consequences of our own deeds also. As a condition of our knowledge, Schopenhauer believes that the laws of nature, along with the sets of objects that we experience, we ourselves create in way that is not unlike the way the constitution of our tongues invokes the taste of sugar.

On the Fourfold Root of the Principle of Sufficient Reason

The properties of the telescope and magnifying glass, on the other hand, depend upon a separate estimate according to the visual angle alone: i.

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But what is it that binds together the members of a system, if not the Principle of Sufficient Reason? But definite order in this succession—through which alone what we perceive becomes experience, or, in other words, authorizes us to form objectively valid judgments—is first brought into it by the purely intellectual conception of cause and effect.

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