

3rd World Logic Day Celebration

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TOPIC: The Total Evidence for God and Religion Presented as a Cumulative Case

ABSTRACT: The grounding for this paper is in the principle of fairness regarding argumentation and persuasion. It will focus on the logical concept of “charity” and the ethical importance of not shielding a proposition from scrutiny. A serious moral transgression is committed if one attempts to suppress, rig, or manipulate the evidence in any way. Not only is any omission an offense, so is any negligence in identifying and collecting evidence, and any shortfall of imagination in arranging the total evidence as a cumulative case. This presentation will examine the main logical arguments made to prove the existence of God, with a particular focus on the writings of Bishop Joseph Butler (1692-1752) and the ways in which his claim that “probability is the guide to life” can be used to give a persuasive logical argument for God’s existence.

An earlier version of this presentation was given at the 1st World Congress on Logic and Religion in João Pessoa, Brazil, in April 2015.

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