

Chapter IV

Conclusion

Thus far, we can see that the notion of causality has played a significant role in philosophy since the Ancient Greek until the present century. The philosophers have continually attempted to analyse the concept of cause in different manners as previously mentioned. Yet, the problems of causation have not been superseded. For, those analyses have got some defects.

Perhaps, the cause of those defects, as Taylor said, comes from the non-understanding that causation is a philosophical category which no other concepts can be applied to analyse it.

I tend to agree with Taylor's remarks; i.e. causality is a basic idea fundamental to any system of philosophy, like Kantian category.

However, the difficulties of causality still challenge our wit and invite criticism at a deeper level. As we saw, in so many areas of philosophy, our advances over our predecessors result from our endeavor to cope with problems challenging us.

Thus, I shall conclude with a positive hope that

some day in the future the notion of cause may prove to be entirely understandable and analysable, though as suggested above, it may really be an unanalysable primitive category.



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