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Preface

In the history of Western Philosophy we do not find any discipline other than 'Metaphysics' which holds such a controversial position. The controversy arises among the thinkers concerning the nature, scope and objects of metaphysics. For so many thinkers, like, Aristotle, Descartes, Heidegger etc. metaphysical enquiry consists of certain fundamental questions relating life and world. From the very beginning, it tries provide certain answers to the questions which cannot be attainable any other means like mere empirical means. It has a peculiar speculative attitude to explore the answers to the questions that human beings spontaneously asked to live a meaningful life. Thus metaphysics serves a great purpose of entire mankind. For them the controversy concerning the nature of metaphysical discourse arises due to the failure to understand the essence of metaphysics. As for many metaphysicians the logical positivist thinkers fails to grasp the essence of metaphysics. They just try to understand metaphysics by their departmental scientific understanding. Such understanding only demands empirical evidence to establish any theory or view, as it can be easily seen in the research works of any departmental scientific laboratory. In doing so they are actually confine them within certain periphery (the periphery of scientific knowledge), fail to see the essence and relevance of any speculative means like metaphysics, in attaining certain knowledge concerning life and world.

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