

The "One and the Many" Question - Do You Fancy You Have Found Treasure of Wisdom In This? Do You Puzzle Your Friends And Even Your Dog About It? What In the World Is Socrates Talking About?

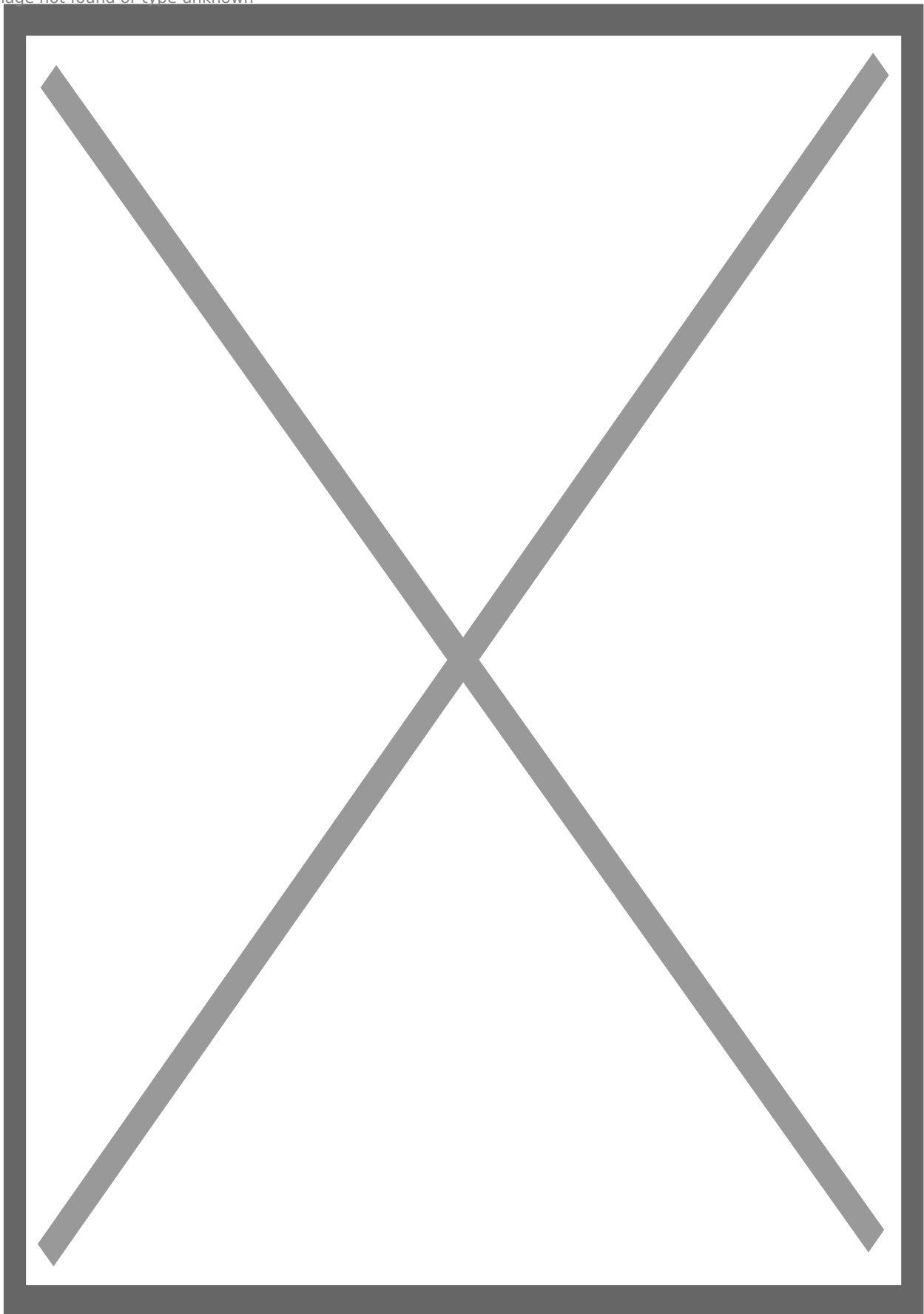
Post by "Cassius" of October 24, 2021 at 1:07 PM

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I think also though that this is a different problem than the one he makes for pleasure.

Yes, this is a much deeper issue, and probably more closely involves the questions revolving around the canon of truth, which probably does precede our evaluation of pleasure.

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[Problem of universals - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Problem_of_universals)

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I believe we are eventually going to have to wrestle with the line underlined in red:

Problem of universals


From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **problem of universals** is an ancient question from metaphysics which has inspired a range of philosophical topics and disputes. Should the properties an object has in common with other objects, such as color and shape, be considered to exist beyond those objects? And if a property exists outside any one object, what is the nature of that existence?^[1]

The problem-of-universals related to various questions closely related to metaphysics, logic, and epistemology, as far back as Plato and Aristotle, or efforts to define the mental concepts a human makes when they understand a property such as shape or color to be the same in different objects.^[2]

Universals are qualities or relations found in two or more entities.^[3] As an example, if all dog breeders are circles in some way, circularity may be considered a universal property of dog breeders.^[4] Further, if two daughters can be considered female offspring of their mother, the quality of being female, offspring, and of course, are universal properties of the two daughters. Many properties can be universal: being human, tall, blue or female, hard or soft, big or small, etc.^[5]

Philosophers agree that human beings can talk and think about universals, but disagree on whether universals exist in reality beyond mere thought and speech.



I could tell you what my (half-formed) viewpoint is but that would spoil the fun 😊