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LOGICAL NECESSITY AND THE UNITY OF THOUGHT

What, if any, is the function of our capacity to make judgments of logical necessity and possibility? Inspired by Kant, I argue that it contributes to our ability to think and reason at all. I shall argue that logical reasoning plays an important role in the unity of thinkers and the unity of thought. In short: thoughts are unities. The unity of thought in some way or another requires the unity of a thinking subject. The best account of the unity of the thinking subject is a unity formed via actual inferential connections between mental states. Such connections are formed by logical reasoning. Hence, our capacity for thought depends upon our capacity to engage in logical reasoning.

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