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HARM AND ZETETIC FLOURISHING

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Recently, Unruh has proposed a hybrid account of harm: One suffers harm if and only if one suffers ill-being or one's well-being is lower than it was before. In this work, against this theory, I present a case from zetetic flourishing in which one's welfare is adversely affected by preventing one from developing one's own natural capacities to inquire, but one does not suffer ill-being or lose any well-being one had before. Namely, a case in which one suffers harm when one is made worse than one would have been by nature, but one does not satisfy any of the conditions of the hybrid account. Finally, based on my criticism, I argue that our theory of harm should move from a reductive or hybrid theory to a pluralistic one.



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