

Il paradosso delle omissioni

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The Paradox of Omissions

Abstract: When we judge the role that omissions play in our lives, it seems impossible to deny their relevance in different contexts (moral, legal, existential, political and even religious); however, when metaphysicians and philosophers of actions deal with omissions, they tend to maintain their causal irrelevance and ontological vacuity. Therefore, while at the practical level omissions are perceived as real and relevant phenomena, at the theoretical level they are seen as mere illusions – a situation of cognitive dissonance that yields a paradox, the “paradox of omissions”. In this article it is claimed that, in order to dissolve this paradox, one can try to adequately account for the practical relevance of omissions by appealing to a pluralistic view of causality.

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