

HOW TO (AND NOT TO) SAVE THE MANIFEST IMAGE

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This paper considers two different ways of “saving” the manifest image from elimination. The first is to assume that the manifest image can be derived from the scientific image through the relation of supervenience. This strategy relies on a modest conception of the role of conceptual analysis in metaphysics (as outlined by Frank Jackson in *From Metaphysics to Ethics*) according to which the role of conceptual analysis is to establish which features of the manifest image are entailed by the scientific image. The second is to assume that the manifest image is sui generis, that it cannot be derived from the scientific image, and to resist the eliminativist pressures by endorsing a different conception of the role of conceptual analysis in metaphysics. On this second strategy philosophy is not the underlabourer of science but an epistemologically first science whose role is to make explicit the different presuppositions that govern manifest and scientific judgments.

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