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Plantinga on Warrant and Proper Function

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What is knowledge? Echoing Aristotle, Aquinas and Descartes, Alvin Plantinga of Notre Dame argues we have knowledge of the world when our cognitive capacities have the proper function of representing the world, have a good design plan, are functioning properly, and are in normal conditions. What is it to have a proper function and to function properly, and why should this matter to knowledge? Plantinga turns to intentional design, holding in part that functions can only arise from non-natural sources. This paper explains why Plantinga's doubts fall short, and explains why natural functions can explain our knowledge.

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