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Reading Questions for March 16

These questions cover an article titled “Emotion” by Peter Goldie. The answers do not have to be turned in. You will probably have to read more than once to get the answers.

Background:

Now we’re focusing on the question: “What is the nature and function of emotions?” Today we’ll look at an article by Peter Goldie that first offers some facts he thinks an adequate account of emotions would accommodate and then introduces and assesses three prominent accounts of emotions.

Questions:

1. (*) In his first section (928-33), Goldie offers some facts that he thinks an adequate account of emotion needs to accommodate. Do you agree with him regarding which facts he selects? Why?
2. (*) In the subsection “Non-cognitive feeling theories” (933-4), Goldie introduces these theories and notes some advantages and disadvantages of them. What are these theories and what does he say are their advantages and disadvantages? Do you think this type of theory is plausible? Why?
3. (*) In the subsection “Cognitive theories” (934-5), Goldie introduces these theories and notes some advantages and disadvantages of them. What are these theories and what does he say are their advantages and disadvantages? Do you think this type of theory is plausible? Why?
4. (*) In the subsection “Perceptual theories” (935-6), Goldie introduces these theories and notes some advantages and disadvantages of them. What are these theories and what does he say are their advantages and disadvantages? Do you think this type of theory is plausible? Why?