

Reducing Two Way Powers



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Some philosophers have recently argued that if exercising agency is understood in terms of settling the truth of some matter, then the power required for the exercise of intentional agency is an irreducible two-way power to either make it true that p or not make it true that p. This talk argues that the inclusion of such two-way powers into one's metaphysic of agency implies a commitment to substance dualism. But there is an ontologically less-costly alternative to irreducible two-way powers.