

The Phenomenon of Religious Language: A Philosophical Appraisal

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ABSTRACT This paper examines religious language as a concept with special focus on its problems of meaningfulness, meaninglessness, verifiability and functions. The aim is to appraise some of the contributions of scholars to some issues raised by the problems that are theologically and philosophically invoked by religious language from the perspective of a religious philosopher with the aim of attempting some solutions to the problems in order to arrive at a workable synthesis. This paper discovers that in most recent findings on the subject, it is a truism that researchers' facts point to a more creative, spiritual, dogmatic, linguistic and imaginative uses of religious assertions which manifest beyond an empirical base. The paper concludes that religious statements are meaningful, though, not verifiable, so far they can be understood in their own context.