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Some Remarks About Weak Erotetic Implications and Elimination

Erotetic implication, as defined in my earlier papers, is supposed to satisfy two requirements: (1) transmission of soundness/truth into soundness, (2) open-minded cognitive usefulness. The second requirement amounts to the claim that each direct answer to an implied question must be, in a sense, cognitively useful. This condition can be weakened in different ways and so different concepts of weak erotetic implication come into existence. I will discuss and compare these concepts.

The cognitive usefulness of an answer to an implied question is usually explicated in terms of narrowing down the class of possibilities offered by the implying question. This is sometimes confused with an elimination of answer(s). The second part of my talk will concentrate upon connections between narrowing down and elimination.