

Don Garrett, What's True about Hume's "True Religion"?

Near the conclusion of *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*, Philo affirms his "veneration for true religion." Does Hume himself really approve of something that he calls "true religion?" If so, what does he mean by calling it "true"--and what exactly is it? I argue that Hume does approve of something that he calls "true religion," and that he approves of it not simply as "genuine" or "proper" but as epistemically true. An analysis of his conception of probability helps to explain what this true religion is and why it wins Hume's epistemic endorsement.