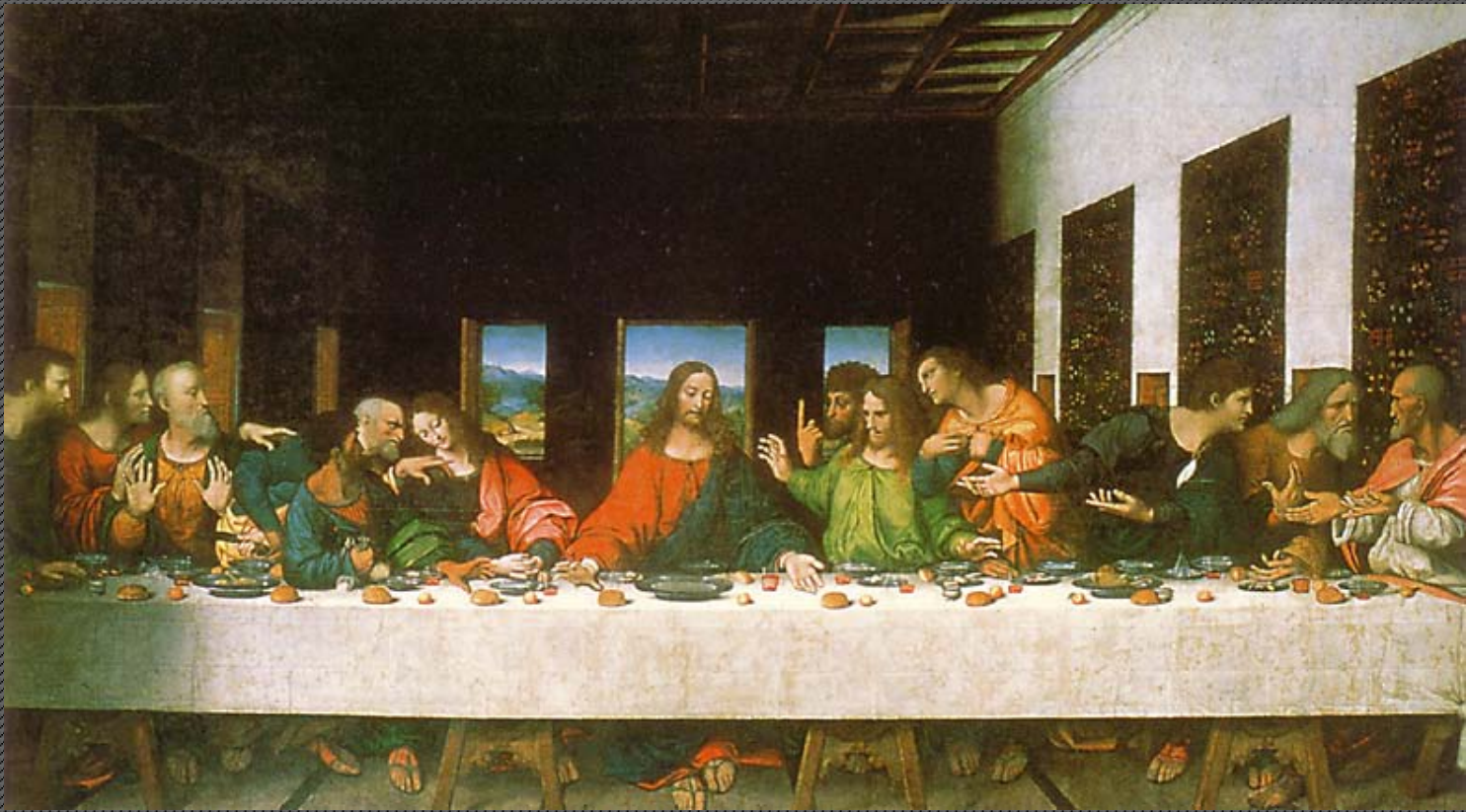


Leibniz's Theory on Necessity and Freedom

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The Problem of Judas and Jesus



Philosophical Debate

- Antonio's main argument is that if Jesus foresaw that Judas would betray him then Judas would have no choice but to betray Jesus thus making Judas' betrayal a necessary action.
- Laurent responds to this and a debate ensues...

An example of the idea of God not necessarily foreseeing but rather determining

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWVWNri4IFM&feature=related>

An Example of the idea of other possible worlds

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LiFZM4huHio>

The Best of all Possible Worlds

- “It Is not impossible for what is foreseen not to happen; but it is infallibly sure that it will happen” (Theodicy 405-417).
- “the Gods make each one as he is. Jupiter made the wolf ravening, the hare timid, the ass stupid, and the lion courageous. He gave you a soul that is wicked and irreclaimable; you will act in conformity with your natural disposition and Jupiter will treat you as your actions deserve” (Theodicy 405-417).

The Best of all Possible Worlds (Cont.)

- “Because amongst an endless number of possible worlds there is the best of all, else would God not have determined to create any; but there is not any one which has not also less perfect worlds below it” (Theodicy 405-417).
- “My father granted him the existence which his wisdom could not refuse to the world where he is included....[Sextus’ crime] serves for great things...But that is nothing in comparison with the worth of this whole world at whose beauty you will marvel...after a happy passage from this mortal state to another and better one, the Gods shall have fitted you to know it” (Theodicy 405-417).

Open Conversation

- What do you guys think? 😊