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**Quine on Ontology and Non-Existential Entities: An Analysis**

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**Abstract**

This paper aims to study Quine's idea of ontology and how he deals with non-existential entities regarding the issue of ontological status. His study of ontology is developed within the framework of naturalism and says there is no reality, including language, outside nature. Ontology deals with the problem of —what there is? Unlike the traditional view, Quine does not take this problem of ontology as —what entities or objects are there, but he says that the ontological problem should be treated in relation to language as —what a theory (i.e., a —well- defined language) says there is. He explains it through his ontological commitment, according to which —in language, when we say something, we commit to some ontology. Even in language, when we talk about fictitious entities (e.g., Pegasus, etc.) that do not exist actually, we commit to some ontology. To explain it, this paper consists of four sections, including an introduction. The second section will deal with the background or canvas of Quine's idea of ontology. The third section aims to explain the ontological commitment and its criterion. Finally, I shall draw a significant conclusion.

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