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# What Does Law Claim



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One central element of Joseph Raz's writings about the nature of law is the assertion that law claims moral authority. The present work critically examines Raz's claim, and use that topic as a starting point to explore basic questions about the nature of legal obligation. An important part of that exploration will be an evaluation of the possibility of thinking of legal normativity as sui generis, rather than a type of normativity that needs to be reduced to or translated into some other factual or normative terms.