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ROBERT C. STALNAKER. Lewis, like many philosophers, takes talk of possibility and necessity to be best explicated as disguised quantification over possible worlds (and possible inhabitants thereof), and he was endlessly ingenious at showing how to use the resources could have been'. Although 'possible world' has been part of the philosophical lexicon at least since Leibniz, the notion became firmly entrenched in contemporary philosophy with the development Possible Worlds. The difference between this and the other worlds is not a categorial difference The earliest presentation of Lewis's theory of modality (Lewis) — reflecting Quine's method of regimentation — offers, rather than a possible world semantics, a scheme for translating sentences in the language of modal predicate logic into sentences of ordinary first-order logic in which the modal operators are replaced by explicit Lewis held that the best theory of modality posited concrete possible worlds. CORNELL UNIVERSITY. DAVID LEWIS, On The Plurality of Worlds. I prefer to call them 'possible worlds'. (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, Price?25, paperback?) worldsome world has electrons and another has none, one has spirits and another has nonebut these differences of kind are no more than sometimes arise between things that are parts of one single world, for instance in a world where electrons coexist with spirits. A proposition is possible if and only if it is true at one of these worlds. [common sense] (b) Every way the world might have been is a possible world [De nition \possible world] (c) There are many possible worldsLewis on the nature of possible worlds: How plausible is BY GRAEME FORBES. Lewis propounded a thesis of modal realism: the world we inhabitthe entire cosmos of which Second, he offers an account of modality, his famous "realism" about possible worlds. (p) Lewis's Argument: (a) There are many ways the world might have been. According to Leibniz, the universe-the actual world-is one of an infinite number of possible worlds David Lewis responded boldly: this talk of possible worlds is the literal truth. Lewis, like many philosophers, takes talk of possibility and necessity to be best THE PLURALITY OF WORLDS. Lewis defended this view in his most significant book, On the Plurality of Worlds Second, he offers an account of modality, his famous "realism" about possible worlds.



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