

# What universals essentially are

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## Properties as what grounds how things are

“...if the notion of non-numerical identity turns out to be unanalyzable, then presumably we ought to accept it with natural piety as an irreducible feature of the world. And to accept irreducible non-numerical identity is to accept universals.” (? : 251)

## Property identities

Identity statements that are really about kinds:

- (1) Red is George’s favourite colour.

Property identities:

- (2) the property of being red = the property of being of George’s favourite colour  
(3) being red = being of George’s favourite colour  
(4) how, ipso facto, red things are = how, ipso fact, things are that are of George’s favourite colour

Rigidified ‘singular’ terms:

## Property as transworld individuals

## The essence of properties

## The internality of exemplification and its adverbial modifications

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