

Whether a statement can be *factually* falsified is one question; whether it can be *empirically* falsified, another.

No metaphysical statement can be empirically falsified. And no strictly metaphysical statement can be factually falsified. But some broadly metaphysical statements—namely, those having to do with human existence—can be factually falsified, even though, like all other metaphysical statements, they cannot be empirically falsified.

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