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**Abstract:** There is a long lineage of philosophers concerned with coming to understand what explains everything broadly construed, or within a certain, restricted domain. We call such explanations *ultimate explanations*. Contemporarily, philosophers of a certain stripe have devoted much attention to the notion of *fundamentality* – that there is something which is without explanation. This Element explores some of the connections between fundamentality and ultimate explanations both contemporarily and historically.

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