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The Six Great Themes of Western Metaphysics and the End of the Middle Ages

1994

heimsoeth enters boldly into the historical drama of western philosophical thought at its deepest level and tells a story focused not so much on actors as on the plot itself the great metaphysical questions about philosophy and life

The Fundamental Problems of Western Metaphysics

2010

this book introduces the profound reflections of xavier zubiri 1898 1983 on the history of philosophy to english speaking audiences as a philosopher who rethought much of philosophy and theology zubiri felt it necessary to be in continuous dialogue with earlier thinkers both to avoid past mistakes and to extract all that is valuable from them the theme of the present book is the transcendental in western philosophy and how a firm grasp of it reveals underlying unity in western philosophy but also fundamental problems that zubiri believed require a complete rethinking of certain basic notions and theories zubiri develops this theme by analyzing the work of six major philosophers aristotle st thomas descartes leibniz kant and hegel to conclude he sketches his own resolution of the problems of western philosophy a subject addressed in greater depth in his major work sentient intelligence this translation was made possible by a grant from the spanish ministry of culture

Questioning Martin Heidegger

2013-02-14

in questioning martin heidegger martin heidegger s overcoming metaphysics provides the jumping off point for a wide ranging critique and deconstruction of western metaphysics from the pre socratics and sophists to descartes kant hegel nietzsche and derrida besides questioning martin heidegger s controversial relationship with german national socialism nazism and the holocaust questioning martin heidegger also takes off onto diverse topics like the question of being and the problem of nothingness the birth of subjectivity and the death of god and the kehre and the emergence of a global ecological consciousness written in straightforward jargon free language questioning martin heidegger will be stimulating and exciting reading for professional scholars and enthusiastic laypersons philosophy students and the general public

Matter and Spirit

2006

this narrative shows how the contours of moral and political philosophy in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were shaped by kant s two distinct philosophical responses to the results of modern science this history of early modern western philosophy takes its inspiration from kant s claim that the battle between the metaphysics of matter and that of spirit is the principal axis around which modern philosophy up to his time in all its aspects has revolved the empiricist materialist trend that dominates in england is first examined in the progressively unfolding works of hobbes locke berkeley hume and adam smith a contrasting and competing dialectic develops in the rationalist spiritualist trend in the continental philosophy of descartes leibniz and rousseau framing this history is the background context of the philosophy and science of aristotle and the challenges to the traditional paradigm presented by the revolutionary sciences of copernicus galileo and newton james lawler is professor of philosophy at the state university of new york at buffalo

Metaphysics and Oppression

1999

in this stunning philosophical accomplishment mccumber sheds important new light on the history of substance metaphysics and heidegger s challenge to metaphysical thinking well documented brilliant definitely a major contribution to philosophy choice in this compelling work john mccumber unfolds a history of western metaphysics that is also a history of the legitimation of oppression that is until heidegger but heidegger himself did not see how his conception of metaphysics opened doors to challenge the domination encoded in structures and institutions such as slavery colonialism and marriage that in the past have given order to the western world

The Concise Encyclopedia of Western Philosophy

2004-09-30

on its first appearance in 1960 the concise encyclopedia of western philosophy established itself as a classic this third edition builds on its original strengths but brings it completely up to date the concise encyclopedia offers a lively readable comprehensive and authoritative treatment of western philosophy as a whole incorporating scintillating articles by many leading philosophical authors it serves not only as a convenient reference work but also as an engaging introduction to philosophy

The Rise of Modern Philosophy

2006-06-29

sir anthony kenny s engaging new history of western philosophy now advances into the modern era the rise of modern philosophy is the fascinating story of the emergence from the early sixteenth to the early nineteenth century of great ideas and intellectual systems that shaped modern thought kenny introduces us to some of the world's most original and influential thinkers and shows us the way to an understanding of their famous works the thinkers we meet include rené descartes traditionally seen as the founder of modern philosophy the great british philosophers hobbes locke and hume and the towering figure of immanuel kant who perhaps more than any other made philosophy what it is today in the first three chapters kenny tells the story chronologically his lively accessible narrative brings the philosophers to life and fills in the historical and intellectual background to their work it is ideal as the first thing to read for someone new to the history of modern philosophy in the seven chapters that follow kenny looks closely at each of the main areas of philosophical exploration in this period knowledge and understanding the nature of the physical universe metaphysics the most fundamental questions there are about existence mind and soul the nature and content of morality political philosophy and god a selection of intriguing and beautiful illustrations offer a vivid evocation of the human and social side of philosophy anyone who is interested in how our understanding of ourselves and our world developed will find this a book a pleasure to read

First Philosophy Last Philosophy

2024-04-08

what is at stake in that form of inquiry that the western philosophical tradition has called first philosophy or metaphysics is it an abstract now outmoded branch of philosophy or does it address a problem that is still of great interest namely the unity of western knowledge in fact metaphysics is first only in relation to the other two sciences that aristotle called theoretical the study of nature phusike and mathematics it is the strategic sense of this primacy that needs to be examined because what is at issue here is nothing less than the relationship of domination or subservience conflict or harmony between philosophy and science the hypothesis of this book is that philosophy s attempt to use metaphysics as a way of securing primacy among the sciences has resulted instead in its subservience philosophy once handmaiden to theology ancilla theologiae has now become more or less consciously handmaiden to the sciences ancilla scientiarum so it is all the more urgent to explore the nature and limits of this primacy and subservience which is what the present book does through an archaeological investigation of metaphysics this important rereading of the western philosophical tradition by a leading thinker will be of interest to students and scholars in philosophy critical theory and the humanities more generally and to anyone interested in contemporary philosophy and european thought

Metaphorical Metaphysics in Chinese Philosophy

2011-08-16

in metaphorical metaphysics in chinese philosophy illustrated with feng youlan s new metaphysics derong chen examines chinese philosophy through a critical analysis of feng youlan s nnew metaphysics he views metaphysics in chinese philosophy as a metaphorical metaphysics separate from western metaphysics in examining the historical influences and contemporary reaction to feng s work he identify s feng s system as the continuation of the chinese philosophical tradition this approach is most applicable to scholars of comparative philosophy and chinese philosophy

The Reception of Aristotle's Metaphysics in Avicenna's Kitāb al-Šifā'

2006-06-01

the systematic comparison of avicenna s ilāhiyyāt of the Šifā with aristotle s metaphysics accomplished for the first time in the present volume provides a detailed account of avicenna s reworking of the epistemological profile and contents of the metaphysics and a comprehensive investigation of this latter s transmission in pre avicennian greek and arabic philosophy

Fundamentals of Western Philosophy

2010-11-13

fundamentals of western philosophy is a comprehensive review of the principles underlying the four primary disciplines of western philosophy metaphysics epistemology ethics and political philosophy this work includes detailed examinations of the ideas put forth by such influential thinkers as plato aristotle descartes spinoza leibniz george berkeley john locke david hume immanuel kant arthur schopenhauer bertrand russell machiavelli thomas hobbes jean jacques rousseau john stuart mill and alexis de tocqueville the work also includes in depth chapter by chapter reviews of many of western philosophy s most essential writings which include apology republic plato nicomachean ethics politics aristotle groundwork of the metaphysics of morals kant utilitarianism on liberty mill the problems of philosophy russell the prince machiavelli leviathan hobbes two treatises of government locke the social contract the second discourse rousseau democracy in america tocqueville and morewhether political economic cultural or religious all aspects of our lives are grounded in some sort of philosophical belief even the united states constitution has its origin in the teachings of aristotle philosophy is the discipline that deals with the

foundation and nature of these beliefs unfortunately whether by design or otherwise philosophy is no longer seen as the valuable component to education that it once was today education concerns itself more with what to know rather than how to know consequently many of us have been conditioned to accept the world as it has been presented to us by others and without any critical thought of our own m james ziccardi has written this book to help counter this dangerous trend his objective is to provide a starting point for those who wish to have a better understanding of the beliefs that have shaped western society into what it is today his hope is that by providing a better understanding of the origin of these beliefs we will better be able to distinguish between those that have led to prosperity and those that have led to ruin

Chinese-Western Comparative Metaphysics and Epistemology

2020-10-23

chinese western comparative metaphysics and epistemology a topical approach features a comparative analysis of the fundamental metaphysical assumptions and their epistemological implications in chinese and western philosophy adopting the methodology of topical comparison that seeks to correlate two or multiple approaches to the same set of questions raised by a single topic or issue mingjun lu argues for commensurability in chinese and western metaphysics of both nature and the mind and in the epistemology of knowledge dictated by these two fundamental hypotheses of the first principle or primary cause lu explores this philosophical commensurability through a comparative analysis of the canonical works written by plato aristotle bacon descartes and leibniz on the western side and by confucius laozi zhuangzi xunzi lu jiuyuan zhu xi and wang yangming on the chinese side the parallels and analogues revealed by the comparative lens lu proposes bring to light a coherent and well developed chinese metaphysical and epistemological system that corresponds closely to that in the west by inventing such new categories as cosmo substantial metaphysics consonant epistemology natural hermeneutics and onto mind reading to reconceptualize chinese and western philosophy lu suggests alternative and more commensurable grounds of comparison

Western Philosophy

2021-07-06

the new edition of this celebrated anthology surveys the western philosophical tradition from its origins in ancient greece to the work of today s leading philosophers western philosophy an anthology provides an authoritative guided tour through the great tradition of western philosophical thought the seminal writings of the great philosophers along with more recent readings of contemporary interest are explored in 144 substantial and carefully chosen extracts each preceded by a lucid introduction guiding readers through the history of a diverse range of key arguments and explaining how important theories fit into the unfolding story of western philosophical inquiry broad in scope the anthology covers all the main branches of philosophy theory of knowledge and metaphysics logic and language philosophy of mind the self and freedom religion and science moral

philosophy political theory aesthetics and the meaning of life all in self contained parts which can be worked on by students and instructors independently the third edition of the anthology contains newly incorporated classic texts from thinkers such as aquinas machiavelli descartes william james and wittgenstein each of the 144 individual extracts is now followed by sample questions focusing on the key philosophical problems raised by the excerpt and accompanied by detailed further reading suggestions that include up to date links to online resources also new to this edition is an introductory essay written by john cottingham which offers advice to students on how to read and write about a philosophical text part of the blackwell philosophy anthologies series western philosophy an anthology third edition remains an indispensable collection of classic source materials and expert insights for both beginning and advanced university students in a wide range of philosophy courses

Heidegger's De(con)Struction of Metaphysics

2021-05-30

in being and time heidegger announced the task of destroying the history of ontology in order to free what had remained unthought in western metaphysics the unpublished part of that work was to be titled basic features of a phenomenological destruction of the history of ontology according to the guiding thread of the problem of temporality this latest work in the reiner schürmann selected writings and lecture notes series aims to carry out heidegger s plan the destruction or as it is later called the deconstruction of metaphysics has a negative side the peeling off or the archeology of metaphysical history by means of the guiding thread of the question of being and a positive side retrieval of the original experience of being in ancient greek philosophy the destruction has no other intent than to win back the original experience of metaphysics through a deconstruction of those conceptions which have become current and empty the purpose of taking to pieces the fabric of western metaphysics is to show how at each important stage the question of the meaning of being has not only remained unattended to or inadequately raised but that it has become quite forgotten in spite of all our interest in metaphysics

Insights and Oversights of the Great Thinkers

1983-01-01

one learns a great deal about a major philosopher by coming to appreciate his perspective on the history of philosophy here charles hartshorne gives us just such a perspective on the history of philosophy and thereby on himself this is a reexamination of the history of philosophy looking at neglected aspects of the philosophers thought interpreting their views in a sharply focused controversial manner in order to show the origins and development within the western tradition of the metaphysical and moral views represented by process philosophy the result is a fresh look at the tradition this is a clearly written readable original and constructive interpretation of the history of philosophy in his west from the sixth century before christ to the present as the best known living representative of process philosophy hartshorne shows that it has anticipations in plate aristotle leibniz

hegel schelling and many others even including the materialist epicurus and the atheist nietzsche process philosophy and theology have significant overlap with the views of most of the creative constructive philosophers and theologians of recent times including peirce william james bergson heidegger paul weiss berdyaev john findlay paul tillich sartre merleau ponty and others this philosophy takes creative freedom transcending causal determinism and a generalized idea of sympathy feeling of feeling love as universal principles of life and nature

A New History of Western Philosophy

2012-08-16

this book is no less than a guide to the whole of western philosophy the ideas that have undergirded our civilization for two and a half thousand years anthony kenny tells the story of philosophy from ancient greece through the middle ages and the enlightenment into the modern world he introduces us to the great thinkers and their ideas starting with plato aristotle and the other founders of western thought in the second part of the book he takes us through a thousand years of medieval philosophy and shows us the rich intellectual legacy of christian thinkers like augustine aquinas and ockham moving into the early modern period we explore the great works of descartes hobbes locke leibniz spinoza hume and kant which remain essential reading today in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries hegel mill nietzsche freud and wittgenstein again transformed the way we see the world running though the book are certain themes which have been constant concerns of philosophy since its early beginnings the fundamental questions of what exists and how we can know about it the nature of humanity the mind truth and meaning the place of god in the universe how we should live and how society should be ordered anthony kenny traces the development of these themes through the centuries we see how the questions asked and answers offered by the great philosophers of the past remain vividly alive today anyone interested in ideas and their history will find this a fascinating and stimulating read

An Unconventional History of Western Philosophy

2008-12-16

gender scholarship during the last four decades has shown that the exclusion of women s voices and perspectives has diminished academic disciplines in important ways traditional scholarship in philosophy is no different the recovery project in philosophy is engaged in re discovering the names lives texts and perspectives of women philosophers from the 6th century bee to the present karen warren brings together 16 colleagues for a unique groundbreaking study of western philosophy which combines pairs of leading men and women philosophers over the past 2600 years acknowledging and evaluating their contributions to foundational themes in philosophy including epistemology metaphysics and ethics introductory essays primary source readings and commentaries comprise each chapter to offer a rich and accessible introduction to and evaluation of these

vital philosophical contributions a helpful appendix canvasses an extraordinary number of women philosophers for further discovery and study

Collingwood and the Crisis of Western Civilisation

2012-02-23

this book argues that r g collingwood s philosophy is best understood as a diagnosis of and response to a crisis of western civilisation the various and complementary aspects of the crisis of civilisation are explored and collingwood is demonstrated to be working in the traditions of romanticism and historicism on these subjects the theories of collingwood and ortega y gasset are contrasted with those of nietzsche and weber

The Beginning of Western Philosophy

2015-02-05

through a close reading of two presocratic philosophers heidegger demonstrates that all of western philosophy is rooted in the question of being this volume comprises a lecture course given at the university of freiburg in 1932 five years after the publication of being and time during this period heidegger was at the height of his creative powers which are on full display in this clear and imaginative text heidegger analyses two of the earliest philosophical source documents fragments by greek thinkers anaximander and parmenides heidegger develops their common theme of being and non being and shows that the question of being is indeed the origin of western philosophy his engagement with these greek texts is as much of a return to beginnings as it is a potential reawakening of philosophical wonder and inquiry in the present

Substance and Attribute

2013-05-02

the aim of this volume is to investigate the topic of substance and attribute the way leading to this aim is a dialogue between islamic and western philosophy our project is motivated by the observation that the historical roots of islamic and of western philosophy are very similar thus some of the articles in this volume are dedicated to the history of philosophy in islamic thinking as well as in western traditions but the dialogue between islamic and western philosophy is not only an historical issue it also has systematic relevance for actual philosophical questions the topic substance and attribute particularly has an important history in both traditions and it has systematic relevance for the actual

ontological debate the volume includes contributions among others by hans burkhardt hans kraml muhammad legenhausen michal loux pedro schmechtig muhammad shomali erwin tegtmeier and daniel von wachter

Introduction to Metaphysics

2014-06-24

heidegger s introduction to metaphysics is one of the most important works written by this towering figure in twentieth century philosophy it includes a powerful reinterpretation of greek thought a sweeping vision of western history and a glimpse of the reasons behind heidegger s support of the nazi party in the 1930s heidegger tries to reawaken the question of being by challenging some of the most enduring prejudices embedded in western philosophy and in our everyday practices and language furthermore he relates this question to the insights of greek tragedy into the human condition and to the political and cultural crises of modernity this new translation makes this work more accessible to students than ever before it combines smoothness with accuracy and provides conventional translations of greek passages that heidegger translated unconventionally there are also extensive notes a german english glossary and an introduction that discusses the history of the text its basic themes and its place in heidegger s oeuvre

The Story of Philosophy

2012-09-20

the story of philosophy sees philosophy for what it is a passionate exhilarating quest for human understanding that cannot be reduced to dry categories or simple definitions it s a story with plot twists a murder accidental discoveries disastrous love affairs geniuses idiots monks and vagabonds at the heart of it all are the ideas and obsessions that have captured great thinkers from the very beginning packed with intriguing anecdotes and fascinating detail james garvey and jeremy stangroom bring us face to face with the most important philosophers in western history rigorous refreshingly free of academic jargon and highly accessible this is the ideal introduction for anyone who wants to gain a new perspective on philosophy s biggest thoughts

The Revelation of Nature

2017-07-05

this title was first published in 2001 the revelation of nature embraces pragmatism aesthetics and metaphysics in an effort to narrate a fundamental relationship between the contemporary world and the natural source and site for any world of meaning beginning with an exploration of heidegger's seminal insight into the way we exist that human existence must be understood in its everydayness matthews links these ideas to heidegger's interpretation of the development of western history in terms of its grounding metaphysical determinations to do with truth reality and the nature of things matthews concludes that our everyday lives are informed and shaped by intellectual precepts and normative modes of behaviour that promote the combination and enslavement of both nature and ourselves within a mass technological grid this book breaks new ground in theology without underpinning the analysis with a particular religious viewpoint

The Doctrine of Being in the Aristotelian Metaphysics

1978

the problem of being is central to western metaphysics etched sharply in the verses of parmenides it took on distinctive colouring in aristotle as the subject matter of a science expressly labelled theological for aristotle being could not be shared in generic fashion by other natures as a nature it had to be found not in various species but in a primary instance only the science specified by the primary nature was accordingly the one science that under the aspect of being treated universally of whatever is it dealt with being quabeing

The Wisdom of the West

2008-06-01

this scarce antiquarian book is a facsimile reprint of the original due to its age it may contain imperfections such as marks notations marginalia and flawed pages because we believe this work is culturally important we have made it available as part of our commitment for protecting preserving and promoting the world's literature in affordable high quality modern editions that are true to the original work

Philosophy in the Modern World

2008-09-03

sir anthony kenny tells the fascinating story of the development of philosophy in the modern world from the early nineteenth century to the late twentieth century alongside and intertwined with extraordinary scientific advances cultural changes and political upheavals the last two centuries have seen some of the most intriguing and original developments in philosophical thinking which have transformed our understanding of ourselves and our world in the first part of the book kenny offers a lively narrative introducing the major thinkers in their historical context he then proceeds to guide the reader lucidly through the nine main areas of philosophical work in the period offering a serious engagement with the ideas and arguments among those we meet are the great figures of continental european philosophy from schopenhauer kierkegaard and nietzsche to heidegger and sartre the pragmatists who first developed a distinctively american philosophical tradition marx darwin and freud the non philosophers whose influence on philosophy was immense wittgenstein and russell friends and colleagues who set the agenda for analytic philosophy in the twentieth century philosophy in the modern world brings to completion kenny s magisterial new history of western philosophy the four volumes have been designed to dovetail with each other they offer a unified overview of the entire development of philosophy allowing readers to trace themes through the centuries from antiquity to the present day the story is illuminated by a selection of intriguing and beautiful illustrations

Ontology, or the Theory of Being

2020-03-16

ontology or the theory of being by p coffey is a comprehensive study of the philosophical concept of ontology which concerns the nature of existence and reality coffey explores various theories of ontology and provides a detailed analysis of the key concepts and principles involved

The Basics of Western Philosophy

2006

first published in 1962 the origins of science tries to explain scientific thought from its historical and psychological origins the depth of psychology of today rather than traditional epistemology is needed in order to understand the problems of knowledge reality is the first problem of the scientist it is exemplified by the idea of object or of matter the development of this idea from its greek beginnings is traced and the unconscious mechanisms that underlie our thought processes of abstraction generalisation etc are made manifest the second problem is that of truth it is illustrated by examples from the history of mathematics and of logic again the psychology of what we accept as truth is made explicit scientific method is the intellectual safeguard for the criteria of truth and reality instead of traditional induction the creative view of scientific activity must be accepted this book is a must read for scholars and researchers of philosophy of science and philosophy in general

The Origins of Science

2022-12-09

the seventh edition of steven cahn's classics of western philosophy features several major additions including selections from plotinus enneads schopenhauer's the world as will and representation husserl's paris lectures wittgenstein s philosophical investigations and a new selection from hegel's phenomenology of spirit selections from aristotle's metaphysics and on the soul have been expanded while aristotle s physics and nicomachean ethics hume s enquiry concerning human understanding mill s on liberty and russell s the problem of philosophy have been further abridged in all the new edition presents complete texts or substantial selections from fifty six philosophical masterpieces in pre eminent and thoughtfully annotated translations and editions with introductions by a team of distinguished scholars including sara ahbel rappe richard bett steven cahn charles guignon kathleen higgins patricia kitcher philip w kitcher william mann derek pereboom ruth anna putnam israel scheffler david shatz george sher david sherman jonathan vogel meredith williams and michael williams

Classics of Western Philosophy

2006

gavin rae analyses the history of western conceptions of evil showing it to be remarkably complex differentiated and contested he traces the problem of evil from early and medieval christian philosophy to modern philosophy german idealism post structuralism and contemporary analytic philosophy and secularisation

Evil in the Western Philosophical Tradition

2019-04-10

this book provides a discussion of the philosophy of being according to three major traditions in western philosophy the analytic the continental and the thomistic the origin of the point of view of each of these traditions is associated with a seminal figure gottlob frege immanuel kant and thomas aquinas respectively the questions addressed in this book are constitutional for the philosophy of being considering the meaning of being the relationship between thinking and being and the methods for using thought to access being on the one hand the book honors diversity and pluralism as it highlights how the three traditions may be clearly and distinctly differentiated regarding the philosophy of being on the other hand it honors a sense of solidarity and ecumenism as it demonstrates how the methods and focal points of these traditions constitute and continue to shape the development

of western philosophy this book contributes toward an essential overview of western metaphysics and will be of particular interest to those working in the history of philosophy and in the philosophy of being

The Philosophy of Being in the Analytic, Continental, and Thomistic Traditions

2020-10-01

sir anthony kenny tells the fascinating story of the birth of philosophy and its remarkable flourishing in the ancient mediterranean world this is the first of four volumes in which he unfolds a magisterial new history of western philosophy specially written for a broad popular readership but serious and deep enough to offer a genuine understanding of the great philosophers kenny s lucid and stimulating history will become the definitive work for anyone interested in the people and ideas that shaped the course of western thought

Ancient Philosophy

2006-07-20

this book presents detailed discussions from leading intercultural philosophers arguing for and against the priority of immanence in chinese thought and the validity of western interpretations that attempt to import conceptions of transcendence the authors pay close attention to contemporary debates generated from critical analysis of transcendence and immanence including discussions of apophasis critical theory post secular conceptions of society phenomenological approaches to transcendence possible world models and questions of practice and application this book aims to explore alternative conceptions of transcendence that either call the tradition in the west into question or discover from within western metaphysics a thoroughly dialectical way of thinking about immanence and transcendence

Transcendence, Immanence, and Intercultural Philosophy

2016-12-20

what did plato contribute to the philosophy of art what do pascal s pensees really say everyone knows the names of these philosophers but few really understand the ideas at the core of western philosophy in this treasury of western thought the primary sources speak for themselves over 35 excerpts from important philosophers including aristotle and hume as well as contemporary thinkers offer a solid introduction to philosophy for the curious reader leading scholars have carefully chosen the selections which are arranged

according to major discipline including philosophy of religion philosophy of art and aesthetics and metaphysics these experts have contributed a provocative introductions in their areas of expertise unlike other philosophy collections this book is not a history a secondary source or a quick reference it stands out as an intelligent and accessible compilation of primary source material

The Examined Life

2000

few philosophical books have been so influential in the development of western thought as aristotle's metaphysics for centuries aristotle's most celebrated work has been regarded as a source of inspiration as well as the starting point for every investigation into the structure of reality not surprisingly the topics discussed in the book the scientific status of ontology and metaphysics the foundations of logical truths the notions of essence and existence the nature of material objects and their properties the status of mathematical entities just to mention some are still at the centre of the current philosophical debate and are likely to excite philosophical minds for many years to come this volume reconstructs in fourteen chapters a particular phase in the long history of the metaphysics by focusing on the medieval reception of aristotle's masterpiece specifically from its introduction in the latin west in the twelfth through fifteenth centuries contributors include marta borgo matteo di giovanni amos bertolacci silvia donati gabriele galluzzo alessandro d'conti sten ebbesen fabrizio amerini giorgio pini roberto lambertini william o duba femke j kok and paul j j m bakker

Fact and Existence

1969

nine leading scholars of ancient philosophy from europe the uk and north america offer a systematic study of book beta of aristotle s metaphysics the work takes the form of a series of aporiai or difficulties which aristotle presents as necessary points of engagement for those who wish to attain wisdom the topics include causation substance constitution properties predicates and generally the ontology of both the perishable and the imperishable world each contributor discusses one or two of these aporiai in sequence the result is a discursive commentary on this seminal text of western philosophy

A Companion to the Latin Medieval Commentaries on Aristotle's Metaphysics

2013-10-31

here is the concluding volume of sir anthony kenny s monumental four volume history of philosophy the first major single author narrative history to appear for several decades in this volume kenny tells the fascinating story of the development of philosophy in the modern world from the early nineteenth century to the end of the millennium alongside and intertwined with extraordinary scientific advances cultural changes and political upheavals the last two centuries have seen some of the most intriguing and original developments in philosophical thinking which have transformed our understanding of ourselves and our world in the first part of the book kenny offers a lively narrative introducing the major thinkers in their historical context among those we meet are the great figures of continental european philosophy from schopenhauer kierkegaard and nietzsche to heidegger sartre and derrida the pragmatists such as c s pierce and william james who first developed a distinctively american philosophical tradition marx darwin and freud the non philosophers whose influence on philosophy was immense and wittgenstein and russell friends and colleagues who set the agenda for analytic philosophy in the twentieth century kenny then proceeds to guide the reader lucidly through the nine main areas of philosophical work in the period offering a serious engagement with ideas and arguments about logic language epistemology metaphysics ethics aesthetics politics and the existence of god graced with many beautiful illustrations philosophy in the modern world concludes kenny s stimulating history of the intellectual development of western civilization allowing readers to trace the birth and growth of philosophy from antiquity to the present day

Aristotle's Metaphysics Beta

2009-05-21

this study of hegel and nietzsche evaluates and compares their work through their common criticism of the metaphysics for operating with conceptual oppositions such as being becoming and egoism altruism dr houlgate exposes nietzsche s critique as employing the distinction of life and thought which itself constitutes a metaphysical dualism of the kind nietzsche attacks by comparison hegel is shown to provide a more profound critique of metaphysical dualism by applying his philosophy of the dialectic which sees such alleged opposites as defining components of a dynamic in choosing to study a theme so fundamental to both philosophers work houlgate has established a framework within which to evaluate the hegel nietzsche debate to make the first full study of nietzsche s view of hegel s work and to compare nietzsche s dionysic philosophy with hegel s dialectical philosophy by focusing on tragedy a subject central to the philosophy of both

A New History of Western Philosophy

2007

Hegel, Nietzsche and the Criticism of Metaphysics

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