

Epub free Western philosophy by john cottingham (2023)

a collection of essays by leading philosophers on the work of john cottingham focussing on his work in moral philosophy discussing themes from his contributions to the debate on partiality and impartiality the role of the emotions in the good life and the meaning of the worthwhile life including a replies chapter by john cottingham in why believe continuum professor john cottingham argued that every human being possesses impulses and aspirations for which religious belief offers a home his new book how to believe is concerned not so much with why we should believe as with what leads a person to become a believer cottingham challenges believers and non believers alike to think afresh about the need to change their lives and about what such change might involve the spiritual dimension offers a new model for the philosophy of religion bringing together emotional and intellectual aspects of our human experience and embracing practical as well as theoretical concerns it shows how a religious worldview is best understood not as an isolated set of doctrines but as intimately related to spiritual praxis and to the search for self understanding and moral growth it argues that the religious quest requires a certain emotional openness but can be pursued without sacrificing our philosophical integrity touching on many important debates in contemporary philosophy and theology but accessible to general readers the spiritual dimension covers a range of central topics in the philosophy of religion including scientific cosmology and the problem of evil ethical theory and the objectivity of goodness psychoanalytic thought self discovery and virtue the multi layered nature of religious discourse and the relation between faith and evidence the question what is the meaning of life is one of the oldest and most difficult questions we have ever asked ourselves john cottingham asks why we are so preoccupied with this question and assesses some attempts to answer it in this book abstract intellectual argument meets ordinary human experience on matters such as the existence of god and the relation between religion and morality one of the world s leading descartes scholars explores central areas of his philosophy including his views on the nature of thought the relationship between mind and body his scientific worldview and its influence on modern thinking the place of god in his philosophical system and his account of the emotions and the good life why do we exist is there a god what s the point of it all these are some of the questions that all thinking people ask at some point in their lives john cottingham explores the whys and wherefores

that lead people to become believers contents 1 the starting point 2 why want to believe in the first place 3 the human quest 4 reaching for the unknown 5 the still small voice 6 intimations of the sacred 7 evil and waste 8 belief and observance 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 the reading of all good books is like a conversation with the finest minds of past centuries descartes it is not enough to have a good mind the main thing is to use it well descartes is often called the father of modern philosophy he was certainly one of the most important figures in the emergence of modern philosophy and science and his work and ideas have resonated through the centuries his best known statement i think therefore i am has become part of modern day culture and language john cottingham s short guide is the ideal introduction to one of the greatest minds of any age this authoritative translation by john cottingham of the meditations is taken from the much acclaimed three volume cambridge edition of the philosophical writings of descartes it is based on the best available texts and presents descartes central metaphysical writings in clear readable modern english this collection brings together some of the most important papers in moral philosophy and the philosophy of religion of an author who has been a

standard bearer for a distinctive and original philosophical approach shedding fresh light on many of the key issues in moral philosophy and philosophy of religion john cottingham s 1998 study examines three philosophical approaches to the systematic understanding of human nature i realized it was necessary to demolish everything and start again right from the foundations if i wanted to establish anything in the sciences that was stable and likely to last ren descartes revered as the father of modern philosophy descartes is one of the most influential philosophers of all time but his ideas are also highly controversial and have been subjected to intense criticism by present day philosophers john cottingham examines descartes s remarkable attempt to construct a new basis for scientific understanding his famous first principle i am thinking therefore i exist and his notorious and often misunderstood account of the relation between mind and body he also tackles fascinating and lesser known aspects of descartes s philosophy including his views on language human and animal nature the role of the emotions in the good life and the place of god in science and ethics extracts are taken from the whole range of descartes s writings including the discourse on the method meditations on first philosophy principles of philosophy and his last book the passions of the soul as well as extracts from his philosophical letters john cottingham explores central areas of his philosophy including his views on the nature of thought the relationship between mind and body his scientific worldview and its influence on modern thinking the place of god in his philosophical system and his account of the emotions and the good life in this new introduction to the life thought and works of one of the greatest seventeenth century philosophers john cottingham aims to place descartes ideas in their historical context while at the same time showing how they relate to a network of philosophical problems that are still vigorously debated today separate chapters are devoted to descartes life and the intellectual climate of his times the cartesian method the reconstruction of knowledge from self to god and to the external world descartes theory of the material universe his account of mind and body and his psychology and theory of the will and passions while doing justice to the complexities of descartes thought the book presupposes no philosophical training and all technical philosophical notions are explained in such a way as to be intelligible to the first year student or general reader the 18th century was a wealth of knowledge exploration and rapidly growing technology and expanding record keeping made possible by advances in the printing press in its determination to preserve the century of revolution gale initiated a revolution of its own digitization of epic proportions to preserve these invaluable works in the largest archive of its kind now for the first time these high quality digital copies of original 18th century manuscripts are available in print making them highly accessible to libraries undergraduate students and independent

scholars the age of enlightenment profoundly enriched religious and philosophical understanding and continues to influence present day thinking works collected here include masterpieces by david hume immanuel kant and jean jacques rousseau as well as religious sermons and moral debates on the issues of the day such as the slave trade the age of reason saw conflict between protestantism and catholicism transformed into one between faith and logic a debate that continues in the twenty first century the below data was compiled from various identification fields in the bibliographic record of this title this data is provided as an additional tool in helping to insure edition identification british library t101691 half title a sermon c london printed by j johnson and sold by i mathews h trapp w ash t scollick and w cass 1789 2 42p 8 how our beliefs about the soul have developed through the ages and why an understanding of it still matters today the concept of the soul has been a recurring area of exploration since ancient times what do we mean when we talk about finding our soul how do we know we have one and does it hold any relevance in today s scientifically and technologically dominated society from socrates and augustine to darwin and freud in search of the soul takes readers on a concise accessible journey into the origins of the soul in western philosophy and culture and examines how the idea has developed throughout history to the present touching on literature music art and theology john cottingham illustrates how far from being redundant in contemporary times the soul attunes us to the importance of meaning and value and experience and growth a better understanding of the soul might help all of us better understand what it is to be human cottingham delves into the evolution of our thoughts about the soul through landmark works including those of aristotle plato and descartes he considers the nature of consciousness and subjective experience and discusses the psychoanalytic view that large parts of the human psyche are hidden from direct conscious awareness he also reflects on the mysterious and universal longing for transcendence that is an indelible part of our human makeup looking at the soul s many dimensions historical moral psychological and spiritual cottingham makes a case for how it exerts a powerful pull on all of us in search of the soul is a testimony to how the soul remains a profoundly significant aspect of human flourishing this is an updated edition of john cottingham s acclaimed translation of descartes s philosophical masterpiece including an abridgement of descartes s objections and replies this clear concise account of rationalist philosophy focuses mainly though not exclusively on its greatest figures descartes spinoza and leibniz showing how closely their ideas are related despite the radically different philosophical systems they produced based on the new and much acclaimed two volume cambridge edition of the philosophical writings of descartes by cottingham stoothoff and murdoch this anthology of essential texts contains the most important and widely studied of those

writings including the discourse and meditations and substantial extracts from the regulae optics principles objectives and replies comments on a broadsheet and passions of the soul in clear readable modern english with a full text and running references to the standard franco latin edition of descartes this book is planned as the definitive one volume reader for all english speaking students of descartes a completely new translation of the works of descartes is intended to replace the haldane and ross edition first published in 1911 all material from that edition is translated here with a number of other texts crucial for understanding cartesian philosophy classical debates for the 21st century distinctively reconsiders the canon of political thought in the context of current world events by presenting debates between the ideas of classical theorists it is through these debates that thomas o hueglin argues that exclusive state sovereignty individual citizenship and majority rule have become questionable categories of political theory and practice in a globalizing world to a large extent the classical canon of political thought has been constructed in order to give legitimacy to these categories but it is time to rethink the validity of that canon and to search for alternative voices and traditions that emphasize plurality shared sovereignty and complex patterns of representation and decision making this does not mean that the familiar names in the classical canon have to disappear but they should be examined more critically for their continued importance and additional theorists thus far neglected should complement them each chapter is organized as a debate between two theorists with contrasting views and approaches at the end of each chapter there is a critical evaluation of these political theorists continued or renewed relevance the substance of this present work is liberation semiology the world s own principle is love agape our fellow creatures are co symbols of emancipation from human violence creation is not as influential modern thinkers envision mere material mere nature to commodify and dominate for the freedom of an exclusive constituency of our species the ecological crisis emerges from a tragic misfit between experiments with secular sovereignty and the continuance of christian historicity either the christian form of life of time is replaced revealing a new ecological worldview or we revive christian sovereignty as a creative fit with the actuality of christian historicity this work wagers on the latter christian civilization is coextensive with ecological civilization there have been many different historical intellectual accounts of the shaping and development of concepts of liberty in pre enlightenment europe this volume is unique for addressing the subject of liberty principally as it is discussed in the writings of women philosophers and as it is theorized with respect to women and their lives during this period the volume covers ethical political metaphysical and religious notions of liberty with some chapters discussing women s ideas about the

metaphysics of free will and others examining the topic of women's freedom or lack thereof in their moral and personal lives as well as in the public socio-political domain in some cases these topics are situated in relation to the emergence of the concept of autonomy in the late eighteenth century and in others with respect to recent feminist theorizing about relational autonomy and internalized oppression many of the chapters draw upon a wide range of genres including polemical texts poetry plays and other forms of fiction as well as standard philosophical treatises taken as a whole this volume shows how crucial it is to recover the too long forgotten views of female and women friendly male philosophers of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries in the process of recovering these voices our understanding of philosophy in the early modern period is not only expanded but also significantly enhanced toward a more accurate and gender inclusive history of our discipline contemporary philosophy has adopted an increasingly tragic point of view tragedy though is only a partial truth of the human condition comedy is another partial truth the nature of human existence is neither wholly the one nor the other but tragicomic philosophy must be attuned to both despair and laughter if it is to understand its own world in making philosophy laugh the philosopher dustin peone makes an apology for the comic side of existence and its use in philosophy he demonstrates the social and moral uses of humor and analyzes its significance for speculative thinking folly and irony are shown to be vital facets of dialectical philosophy the reader is introduced to the comical side of socrates and homer descartes and vico kant and hegel and many others finally a doctrine of the tragicomic sense of life is presented that does justice to all aspects of human existence and liberates the spirit from the grimness of serious thought this latest volume in the oxford readings in philosophy series brings together some of the most influential and stimulating essays on descartes philosophy to have appeared in the last fifty years edited by the renowned descartes specialist professor john cottingham a lucid introduction by the editor outlines the principle features of descartes philosophy and summarises the main arguments of each chapter covering the full range of descartes thought the volume opens with a cluster of central issues in descartes metaphysics systematic doubt the cogito clarity and distinctness and the cartesian circle followed by chapters on descartes theory of the will and his account of necessity and possibility two notorious and interrelated problems in descartes system are then dealt with the distinction between mind and body and the unity of the human being there follow chapters on descartes account of human nature and the passions and his treatment of animals and the volume closes with three chapters on cartesian science covering descartes views on the relationship between experiment and deduction his account of scientific explanation and the notion of causal agency or force in his physics these broad ranging and accessible

perspectives on descartes work will be essential reading for students and specialists jonathan edwards is the greatest theologian of colonial america as well as its first important philosopher as a theologian he represents without any concession calvinistic orthodoxy re thought and re lived through the experience of the great awakening the large majority of his writings are of a theological character yet this theology is articulated and expressed through a systematic philosophical reflection edwardsian thought covers three major areas first being grace and glory then the doctrine of the will extending to the study of the original sin and evil finally an entirely original theory of knowledge synthesizing spirituality aesthetics and epistemology the present book the first edition of which appeared in french almost thirty years ago is a uniquely comprehensive study of the work of jonathan edwards it discusses all the aspects of his thought over against the background of classical protestant theology and of seventeenth and eighteenth century western philosophy our time witnesses a significant renewal of interest in jonathan edwards professor veto s book should prove to be a major contribution to assist and to guide the readers of america s theologian a groundbreaking collection of contemporary essays from leading international scholars that provides a balanced and expert account of the resurgent debate about substance dualism and its physicalist alternatives substance dualism has for some time been dismissed as an archaic and defeated position in philosophy of mind but in recent years the topic has experienced a resurgence of scholarly interest and has been restored to contemporary prominence by a growing minority of philosophers prepared to interrogate the core principles upon which past objections and misunderstandings rest as the first book of its kind to bring together a collection of contemporary writing from top proponents and critics in a pro contra format the blackwell companion to substance dualism captures this ongoing dialogue and sets the stage for rigorous and lively discourse around dualist and physicalist accounts of human persons in philosophy chapters explore emergent thomistic cartesian and other forms of substance dualism broadly conceived in dialogue with leading varieties of physicalism including animalism non reductive physicalism and constitution theory loose menuge and moreland pair essays from dualist advocates with astute criticism from physicalist opponents and vice versa highlighting points of contrast for readers in thematic sections while showcasing today s leading minds engaged in direct debate taken together essays provide nuanced paths of introduction for students and capture the imagination of professional philosophers looking to expand their understanding of the subject skillfully curated and in touch with contemporary science as well as analytic theology the blackwell companion to substance dualism strikes a measured balanced between advocacy and criticism and is a first rate resource for researchers scholars and students of philosophy theology and neuroscience

descartes s meditations on first philosophy published in latin in 1641 is one of the most widely studied philosophical texts of all time and inaugurates many of the key themes that have remained central to philosophy ever since in his original latin text descartes expresses himself with great lucidity and elegance and there is enormous interest even for those who are not fluent in latin in seeing how the famous concepts and arguments of his great masterpiece unfold in the original language john cottingham s acclaimed english translation of the work is presented here in a facing page edition alongside the original latin text students of classical philosophy have long had the benefit of dual language editions and the availability of such a resource for the canonical works of the early modern period is long overdue this volume now makes available in an invaluable dual language format one of the most seminal texts of western philosophy a completely new translation of the works of descartes is intended to replace the haldane and ross edition first published in 1911 all material from that edition is translated here with a number of other texts crucial for understanding cartesian philosophy narrative naturalism an alternative framework for philosophy of mind provides an original framework for a non reductive approach to mind and philosophical psychology jessica wahman challenges the reductive i e mechanistic and physicalist assumptions that render the mind body problem intractable and claims that george santayana s naturalism provides a more beneficial epistemological method and ontological framework for thinking about the place of consciousness in the natural world she uses santayana s thought as the primary inspiration for her own specific viewpoint one that draws on a variety of sources from analytic philosophy of mind to existentialism and psychoanalysis this outlook narrative naturalism depicts sense making as a kind of storytelling where different narratives serve different purposes and wahman offer a unique worldview to accommodate a variety of true expressions about the world including truths about subjective existence motivated by a desire to challenge the reductionist approaches that explain human motivation and experience in terms of neuroscience and by the increasingly pharmacological interpretations of and solutions to psychological problems wahman s overarching purpose is to reconstruct the issue so that neuroscience can be embraced as an indispensable story among others in our understanding of the human condition when placed in this context neurobiological discoveries better serve the values and practices associated with human self knowledge and well being narrative naturalism will appeal to those interested in american philosophy santayana scholarship pragmatist epistemology philosophy of mind philosophical psychology and metaphysics béatrice longuenesse presents an original exploration of our understanding of ourselves and the way we talk about ourselves in the first part of the book she discusses contemporary analyses of our use of i in language and thought and compares them

to kant's account of self consciousness especially the type of self consciousness expressed in the proposition i think according to many contemporary philosophers necessarily any instance of our use of i is backed by our consciousness of our own body for kant in contrast i think just expresses our consciousness of being engaged in bringing rational unity into the contents of our mental states in the second part of the book longuenesse analyzes the details of kant's view and argues that contemporary discussions in philosophy and psychology stand to benefit from kant's insights into self consciousness and the unity of consciousness the third and final part of the book outlines similarities between kant's view of the structure of mental life grounding our uses of i in i think and in the moral i ought to on the one hand and freud's analysis of the organizations of mental processes he calls ego and superego on the other hand longuenesse argues that freudian metapsychology offers a path to a naturalization of kant's transcendental view of the mind it offers a developmental account of the normative capacities that ground our uses of i which kant thought could not be accounted for without appealing to a world of pure intelligences distinct from the empirical natural world of physical entities

Why Believe? 2011-05-19

a collection of essays by leading philosophers on the work of john cottingham focussing on his work in moral philosophy discussing themes from his contributions to the debate on partiality and impartiality the role of the emotions in the good life and the meaning of the worthwhile life including a replies chapter by john cottingham

The Moral Life: Essays in Honour of John Cottingham 2008-05-29

in why believe continuum professor john cottingham argued that every human being possesses impulses and aspirations for which religious belief offers a home his new book how to believe is concerned not so much with why we should believe as with what leads a person to become a believer cottingham challenges believers and non believers alike to think afresh about the need to change their lives and about what such change might involve

How to Believe 2015-11-19

the spiritual dimension offers a new model for the philosophy of religion bringing together emotional and intellectual aspects of our human experience and embracing practical as well as theoretical concerns it shows how a religious worldview is best understood not as an isolated set of doctrines but as intimately related to spiritual praxis and to the search for self understanding and moral growth it argues that the religious quest requires a certain emotional openness but can be pursued without sacrificing our philosophical integrity touching on many important debates in contemporary philosophy and theology but accessible to general readers the spiritual dimension covers a range of central topics in the philosophy of religion including scientific cosmology and the problem of evil ethical theory and the objectivity of goodness psychoanalytic thought self discovery and virtue the multi layered nature of religious discourse and the relation between faith and evidence

The Spiritual Dimension 2005-09-15

the question what is the meaning of life is one of the oldest and most difficult questions we have ever asked ourselves john cottingham asks why we are so preoccupied with this question and assesses some attempts to answer it

On the Meaning of Life 2003

in this book abstract intellectual argument meets ordinary human experience on matters such as the existence of god and the relation between religion and morality

Philosophy of Religion 2014-09-15

one of the world s leading descartes scholars explores central areas of his philosophy including his views on the nature of thought the relationship between mind and body his scientific worldview and its influence on modern thinking the place of god in his philosophical system and his account of the emotions and the good life

Cartesian Reflections 2008-09-11

why do we exist is there a god what s the point of it all these are some of the questions that all thinking people ask at some point in their lives john cottingham explores the whys and wherefores that lead people to become believers contents 1 the starting point 2 why want to believe in the first place 3 the human quest 4 reaching for the unknown 5 the still small voice 6 intimations of the sacred 7 evil and waste 8 belief and observance

How Can I Believe? 2018-04-19

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

Western Philosophy 2021-07-06

the reading of all good books is like a conversation with the finest minds of past centuries descartes it is not enough to have a good mind the main thing is to use it well descartes is often called the father of modern philosophy he was certainly one of the most important figures in the emergence of modern philosophy and science and his work and ideas have resonated through the centuries his best known statement i think therefore i am has become part of modern day culture and language john cottingham s short guide is the ideal introduction to one of the greatest minds of any age

The Great Philosophers: Descartes 2011-09-14

this authoritative translation by john cottingham of the meditations is taken from the much acclaimed three volume cambridge edition of the philosophical writings of descartes it is based on the best

available texts and presents descartes central metaphysical writings in clear readable modern english

Descartes: Meditations on First Philosophy 1996-04-18

this collection brings together some of the most important papers in moral philosophy and the philosophy of religion of an author who has been a standard bearer for a distinctive and original philosophical approach shedding fresh light on many of the key issues in moral philosophy and philosophy of religion

The Humane Perspective 2024-07-11

john cottingham s 1998 study examines three philosophical approaches to the systematic understanding of human nature

Philosophy and the Good Life 1998-07-23

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How To Read Descartes 2014-04-03

john cottingham explores central areas of his philosophy including his views on the nature of thought the relationship between mind and body his scientific worldview and its influence on modern thinking the place of god in his philosophical system and his account of the emotions and the good life

Cartesian Reflections 2023

in this new introduction to the life thought and works of one of the greatest seventeenth century philosophers john cottingham aims to place descartes ideas in their historical context while at the same time showing how they relate to a network of philosophical problems that are still vigorously debated today separate chapters are devoted to descartes life and the intellectual climate of his times the cartesian method the reconstruction of knowledge from self to god and to the external world descartes theory of the material universe his account of mind and body and his psychology and theory of the will and passions while doing justice to the complexities of descartes thought the book presupposes no philosophical training and all technical philosophical notions are explained in such a way as to be intelligible to the first year student or general reader

Descartes 1986

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A Commemoration of Divine Providence; Being the Substance of a Sermon on the Happy Recovery of His Majesty George the Third, Preached in the Chapel of Mile-End New-Town, Stepney, April 23rd, 1789, by John Cottingham, 2018-04-18

how our beliefs about the soul have developed through the ages and why an understanding of it still matters today the concept of the soul has been a recurring area of exploration since ancient times what do we mean when we talk about finding our soul how do we know we have one and does it hold any relevance in today's scientifically and technologically dominated society from socrates and augustine to darwin and freud in search of the soul takes readers on a concise accessible journey into the origins of the soul in western philosophy and culture and examines how the idea has developed throughout history to the present touching on literature music art and theology john cottingham illustrates how far from being redundant in contemporary times the soul attunes us to the importance of meaning and value and experience and growth a better understanding of the soul might help all of us better understand what it is to be human cottingham delves into the evolution of our thoughts about the soul through landmark works including those of aristotle plato and descartes he considers the nature of consciousness and subjective experience and discusses the psychoanalytic view that large parts of the human psyche are hidden from direct conscious awareness he also reflects on the mysterious and universal longing for transcendence that is an indelible part of our human makeup looking at the soul's many dimensions historical moral psychological and spiritual cottingham makes a case for how it exerts a powerful pull on all of us in search of the soul is a testimony to how the soul remains a profoundly significant aspect of human flourishing

In Search of the Soul 2022-04-12

this is an updated edition of john cottingham s acclaimed translation of descartes s philosophical masterpiece including an abridgement of descartes s objections and replies

Descartes: Meditations on First Philosophy 2017-02-16

this clear concise account of rationalist philosophy focuses mainly though not exclusively on its greatest figures descartes spinoza and leibniz showing how closely their ideas are related despite the radically different philosophical systems they produced

The Rationalists 1988

based on the new and much acclaimed two volume cambridge edition of the philosophical writings of descartes by cottingham stoothoff and murdoch this anthology of essential texts contains the most important and widely studied of those writings including the discourse and meditations and substantial extracts from the regulae optics principles objectives and replies comments on a broadsheet and passions of the soul in clear readable modern english with a full text and running references to the standard franco latin edition of descartes this book is planned as the definitive one volume reader for all english speaking students of descartes

Descartes 2017

a completely new translation of the works of descartes is intended to replace the haldane and ross edition first published in 1911 all material from that edition is translated here with a number of other texts crucial for understanding cartesian philosophy

Rationalism 1984

classical debates for the 21st century distinctively reconsiders the canon of political thought in the

context of current world events by presenting debates between the ideas of classical theorists it is through these debates that thomas o hueglin argues that exclusive state sovereignty individual citizenship and majority rule have become questionable categories of political theory and practice in a globalizing world to a large extent the classical canon of political thought has been constructed in order to give legitimacy to these categories but it is time to rethink the validity of that canon and to search for alternative voices and traditions that emphasize plurality shared sovereignty and complex patterns of representation and decision making this does not mean that the familiar names in the classical canon have to disappear but they should be examined more critically for their continued importance and additional theorists thus far neglected should complement them each chapter is organized as a debate between two theorists with contrasting views and approaches at the end of each chapter there is a critical evaluation of these political theorists continued or renewed relevance

Reason, Will, and Sensation 1994

the substance of this present work is liberation semiology the world's own principle is love agape our fellow creatures are co symbols of emancipation from human violence creation is not as influential modern thinkers envision mere material mere nature to commodify and dominate for the freedom of an exclusive constituency of our species the ecological crisis emerges from a tragic misfit between experiments with secular sovereignty and the continuance of christian historicity either the christian form of life of time is replaced revealing a new ecological worldview or we revive christian sovereignty as a creative fit with the actuality of christian historicity this work wagers on the latter christian civilization is coextensive with ecological civilization

A Commemoration of Divine Providence 1789

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as well as in the public socio political domain in some cases these topics are situated in relation to the emergence of the concept of autonomy in the late eighteenth century and in others with respect to recent feminist theorizing about relational autonomy and internalized oppression many of the chapters draw upon a wide range of genres including polemical texts poetry plays and other forms of fiction as well as standard philosophical treatises taken as a whole this volume shows how crucial it is to recover the too long forgotten views of female and women friendly male philosophers of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries in the process of recovering these voices our understanding of philosophy in the early modern period is not only expanded but also significantly enhanced toward a more accurate and gender inclusive history of our discipline

Descartes: Selected Philosophical Writings 1988-02-26

contemporary philosophy has adopted an increasingly tragic point of view tragedy though is only a partial truth of the human condition comedy is another partial truth the nature of human existence is neither wholly the one nor the other but tragi comic philosophy must be attuned to both despair and laughter if it is to understand its own world in making philosophy laugh the philosopher dustin peone makes an apology for the comic side of existence and its use in philosophy he demonstrates the social and moral uses of humor and analyzes its significance for speculative thinking folly and irony are shown to be vital facets of dialectical philosophy the reader is introduced to the comical side of socrates and homer descartes and vico kant and hegel and many others finally a doctrine of the tragi comic sense of life is presented that does justice to all aspects of human existence and liberates the spirit from the grimness of serious thought

The Philosophical Writings of Descartes: Volume 1 1984

this latest volume in the oxford readings in philosophy series brings together some of the most influential and stimulating essays on descartes philosophy to have appeared in the last fifty years edited by the renowned descartes specialist professor john cottingham a lucid introduction by the editor outlines the principle features of descartes philosophy and summarises the main arguments of each chapter covering the full range of descartes thought the volume opens with a cluster of central issues in descartes metaphysics systematic doubt the cogito clarity and distinctness and the cartesian circle

followed by chapters on descartes theory of the will and his account of necessity and possibility two notorious and interrelated problems in descartes system are then dealt with the distinction between mind and body and the unity of the human being there follow chapters on descartes account of human nature and the passions and his treatment of animals and the volume closes with three chapters on cartesian science covering descartes views on the relationship between experiment and deduction his account of scientific explanation and the notion of causal agency or force in his physics these broad ranging and accessible perspectives on descartes work will be essential reading for students and specialists

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narrative naturalism an alternative framework for philosophy of mind provides an original framework for a non reductive approach to mind and philosophical psychology jessica wahman challenges the reductive i.e mechanistic and physicalist assumptions that render the mind body problem intractable and claims that george santayana's naturalism provides a more beneficial epistemological method and ontological framework for thinking about the place of consciousness in the natural world she uses santayana's thought as the primary inspiration for her own specific viewpoint one that draws on a variety of sources from analytic philosophy of mind to existentialism and psychoanalysis this outlook narrative naturalism depicts sense making as a kind of storytelling where different narratives serve different purposes and wahman offer a unique worldview to accommodate a variety of true expressions about the world including truths about subjective existence motivated by a desire to challenge the reductionist approaches that explain human motivation and experience in terms of neuroscience and by the increasingly pharmacological interpretations of and solutions to psychological problems wahman's overarching purpose is to reconstruct the issue so that neuroscience can be embraced as an indispensable story among others in our understanding of the human condition when placed in this context neurobiological discoveries better serve the values and practices associated with human self knowledge and well being narrative naturalism will appeal to those interested in american philosophy santayana scholarship pragmatist epistemology philosophy of mind philosophical psychology and metaphysics

Meditations on First Philosophy with selections from the Objections and Replies Edited by John Cottingham 2002

béatrice longuenesse presents an original exploration of our understanding of ourselves and the way we talk about ourselves in the first part of the book she discusses contemporary analyses of our use of i in language and thought and compares them to kant's account of self consciousness especially the type of self consciousness expressed in the proposition i think according to many contemporary philosophers necessarily any instance of our use of i is backed by our consciousness of our own body for kant in

contrast i think just expresses our consciousness of being engaged in bringing rational unity into the contents of our mental states in the second part of the book Longuenesse analyzes the details of Kant's view and argues that contemporary discussions in philosophy and psychology stand to benefit from Kant's insights into self-consciousness and the unity of consciousness the third and final part of the book outlines similarities between Kant's view of the structure of mental life grounding our uses of i in i think and in the moral i ought to on the one hand and Freud's analysis of the organizations of mental processes he calls ego and superego on the other hand Longuenesse argues that Freudian metapsychology offers a path to a naturalization of Kant's transcendental view of the mind it offers a developmental account of the normative capacities that ground our uses of i which Kant thought could not be accounted for without appealing to a world of pure intelligences distinct from the empirical natural world of physical entities

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