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Duty, Virtue and Practical Reason in Kant’s Metaphysics of Morals-Vincent De Hennin 2015 The ‘Metaphysical Principles of the Doctrine of Virtue’ (Metaphysische Anfangsgründe der Tugendlehre) is the second part of the ‘Metaphysics of Morals’ (Metaphyrik der Sitten), published by Kant in 1797. This monographic study comments Kant’s Tugendlehre as a refutation of the ‘Nihilism’ version of Kant’s Ethics. This late writing is shown as consistent with the moral philosophy already presented in the ‘Groundwork’ and the second ‘Critique’. The ‘Doctrine of Virtue’ offers Kant’s practical philosophy an appropriate and adequate moral foundation, and shows that human beings are justified in pursuing their own ends, provided they do so in a manner consistent with the ends of others. This means the development of a moral theory of virtue, rather than a theory of duty.

The Court of Reason
Beatrix Himmelman 2021-11-08 The Proceedings present the contributions to the 13th International Kant Congress which was held at the University of Oslo, August 6-9, 2019. The conference, which hosted speakers from more than thirty countries and five continents, was dedicated to the topic of the court of reason. The idea that reason stands before itself as a tribunal characterizes the whole of Kant’s critical project. Without such a court, reason falls into conflict with itself. With such a court in place, however, it may succeed in establishing the possibility and limits of meta-philosophy, ethics, aesthetics, law and science. The idea of reason being its own judge is not only pivotal to a proper understanding of Kant’s philosophy, but can also shed light on the burgeoning fields of meta-philosophy and philosophical methodology. The 2019 Kant Congress put special emphasis on Kant’s methodology, his account of conceptual critique, and the relevance of his ideas to current issues in especially political philosophy and the philosophy of law. Additional sections discussed a wide range of topics in Kant’s philosophy. The Proceedings will provide anyone who is interested in exploring the variety of present-day work on Kant and Kantian themes with a wealth of fruitful inspiration.

The Cambridge Companion to Kant
Paul Guyer 1992-07-31 The fundamental task of philosophy since the seventeenth century has been to determine whether the essential principles of both knowledge and action can be discovered by human beings unaided by an external agency. No one philosopher contributed more to this enterprise than Kant, whose Critique of Pure Reason (1781) shook the very foundations of the intellectual world. Kant argued that the basic principles of the natural science are imposed on reality by human sensibility and understanding, and thus that human beings are also free to impose their own free and rational agency on the world. This 1992 volume is the only systematic and comprehensive account of the full range of Kant’s writings available, and the first major overview of his work to be published in more than a dozen years. An internationally recognised team of Kant scholars explore Kant’s conceptual revolution in epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of science, moral and political philosophy, aesthetics, and the philosophy of religion.

The Cambridge Companion to Kant and Modern Philosophy
Paul Guyer 2006-02-13 This 2006 volume provides the broadest and deepest introduction to Kant currently available.

Critique of Practical Reason
Immanuel Kant 2002-10-01 With this volume, Werner Pluhar completes his work on Kant’s three Critiques, an accomplishment unique among English language translators of Kant. At once accurate, fluent, and accessible, Pluhar’s rendition of the Critique of Practical Reason meets the standards set in his widely respected translations of the Critique of Judgment (1987) and the Critique of Pure Reason (1996). Stephen Engstrom’s Introduction discusses the place of the second Critique in Kant’s critical philosophy, its relation to Kant’s ethics, and its practical purpose and provides an illuminating outline of Kant’s argument.


Kantian Ethics Almost without Apology
Marcia W. Baron 2018-10-18 A reappraisal of the emphasis on duty in Immanuel Kant’s ethics is long overdue. Marcia W. Baron evaluates for the most part of Kant’s major moral philosophy, his “ethics without apology”. She brings down the窗帘 by leading Kant scholars and moral and political philosophers from around the world. Although Kant’s influential injunction to treat humanity as an end in itself and never merely as a means has garnered the most attention among those interested in analyzing human dignity with a Kantian lens, Kant himself places much more emphasis on the importance of reason. The chapters in this collection focus not only on interpretive issues related to the Kingdom of Ends but also
on practical applications that have the potential to advance discussions about the nature and foundations of rights, the content of moral principles, the importance of moral ideals and attitudes and the nature of moral motivation. Exploring and connecting the ideas of human dignity and the Kingdom of Ends significantly deepens our moral understanding, advances discussions in moral and political philosophy and enhances our appreciation of Kant's moral theory. Human Dignity and the Kingdom of Ends: Kantian Perspectives and Practical Applications will appeal to scholars and advanced students of Kant, moral philosophy, political philosophy, and political theory.

Race. J. Cameron Carter 2008-09-02 In Race: A Theological Account, J. Cameron Carter meditates on the multiple legacies implicated in the production of a racialized world and that still mark how we function in it and think about ourselves. These are the legacies of colonialism and empire, political theories of the state, anthropological theories of the human, and philosophy itself, from the eighteenth-century Enlightenment to the present. Carter's claim is that Christian theology, and the signal transformation it (along with Christianity) underwent, is at the heart of these legacies. In that transformation, Christian anti-Judaism biologized itself so as to racialize itself. As a result, and with the legitimation of Christian theology, Christianity became the cultural property of the West, the religious ground of white supremacy and global hegemony. In short, Christianity became white. The racial imagination is thus a particular kind of theological problem. Not content only to describe this problem, Carter constructs a way forward for Christian theology. Through engagement with figures as disparate in outlook and as varied across the historical landscape as Immanuel Kant, Friedrich Doderlein, Jarema Lech, Michel Foucault, Cornel West, Albert Raboteau, Charles Long, James Cone, Ireneus of Lyons, Gregory of Nyssa, and Maximus the Confessor, Carter reorients the whole of Christian theology, bringing it into the twenty-first century. Neither a simple reiteration of Black Theology nor another expression of the new theological orthodoxies, this groundbreaking book will be a major contribution to contemporary Christian theology, with ramifications in other areas of the humanities.

Rousseau's Economic Philosophy. Bertil Fridn 1998-10-31 An increasing body of literature concerns the economics of those highly appreciated qualities of life that are not easily provided by market exchange. Today these problems are visible as never before, for example, environmental problems. But already at the dawn of industrial society the problem had been observed by Rousseau. His statements on the economy cause us to think about problems into account with due importance. In this way his economic philosophy concerns a different domain of the economy from, for example, Adam Smith's work. Rousseau's economic philosophy attempts to consider phenomena later labeled identified alleviations and information costs, bargaining, collective good problems. Some of Rousseau's most puzzling social proposals (on theater, women, music, etc.) can be explained by his well-argued conviction that an optimal economy demands a high social morale, a communicative morale. He proposes an economic philosophy for the most important allegedly for the highest, being free depending on others (empowerment). It is for its adult capable of true deliberation, not for the trifle of the innocent child. He develops a concept of richness that is close to the Aristotelian capacity-concept, later explored by Amartya Sen. Rousseau's economic philosophy has not been treated in a monograph before. The book should be rewarding to those interested in social theory, in the history of social and economic thought, problems at the margins of market exchange, e.g. cultural economics, environmental economics, students of Rousseau and the thought of the 18th century, welfare economic theory in the direction of Arrow or Sen, and Poasoy and others' theses about the transition from self-sufficiency to market.

Exciting the Industry of Mankind George Berkeley's Philosophy of Money. C.G. Caffentzis 2013-04-17 Exciting the Industry of Mankind is the first comprehensive book about George Berkeley's revolutionary views on money and banking. Berkeley brooked the conceptual link between money and metallic substance in The Pervert, a work published between 1735 and 1737 in Dublin, consisting entirely of questions. Exciting the Industry of Mankind explains what economic and social forces caused Berkeley to write The Pervert in response to a major economic crisis in Ireland. Exciting the Industry of Mankind falsifies the view that Berkeley has nothing to tell us about our present and future social and economic life. For the 'idealism' Berkeley found in the money form is now becoming a fact of global economic life, where 'nomoney' and 'virtual money' exchanges begin to dwarf commodity transactions, and the future becomes the dominant temporal dimension of economic activity.

Philosophers, historians, cultural theorists, economists and lovers of Irish history will be interested in this volume.

Modernity and the Final Aim of History. F. Tomasoni 2003-09-30 This book is intended for scholars and students in humanities, history, Jewish studies, philosophy, Christian theology, and for those concerned with the meaning of interaction and with intercultural pluralism. The book combines the development of German philosophy from the Enlightenment to Idealism, and from Idealism to the revolutionary turning-point of the mid-nineteenth century with the Jewish question.

The Classic Social Contractarians. Janice Richardson 2016-03-23 How can we live together without subordination and oppression? What does it mean to treat each other as free and equal persons? This book uses contemporary feminist insights to examine aspects of the classic social contractarians' arguments, focusing specifically upon the work of Hobbes, Spinoza, Locke, Rousseau and Kant. Considering the relationship between the 'self' and the 'law', this volume also looks at the points at issue between feminist political theorists and considers the usefulness of contractarian arguments for feminist politics today, together with an examination of the relationship between their political, legal and moral analyses.


Johannes Clauberg (1622–1665). T. Verbeek 2013-06-29 In this book twelve outstanding historians of early modern philosophy undertake a study of the philosophy of Johannes Clauberg (1622–1665). Clauberg was not only among the first followers of Descartes (whose philosophy he taught from 1650 in Heidelberg and from 1652 until the end of his life in Duisburg) but also assured his survival as an academic philosophy by giving it a more modern and more didactic expression. A first group of articles deals with Clauberg's early metaphysics as it found its expression in his Ontosopia of 1646 (republished with very considerable changes in 1646), the way it was influenced by Comenius (Leinsle), its relation to Malebranche (Burdott) and Wolff (Ecôle) and the way in which it illustrates the difficulties of a Cartesian ontology in general (Carraud). A second group of articles deals with problems of knowledge: knowledge of God (Godszuism), perceptual knowledge (Spreut) and causality (Pätzold). There are also articles on Clauberg's curious attempt to deal philosophically with the etymology of the German language (Weber), Clauberg as a teacher of Descartes' Principle (Verbeek), Clauberg's conception of corporeal substance (Mercer), and Clauberg's relation to later, more radical developments in Cartesian philosophy, especially in Lodewijk Meyer (Albrecht). The volume is completed by a biographical introduction and a short (but bibliographical) Clauberg's works, which allows an appreciation of Clauberg's lasting international influence. It is the first study on this scale of one of the most influential philosophers of the seventeenth century.

The Life of Henry More. Richard Ward 2000 The Cambridge Platonist. Henry More (1614–1687), was a dominant figure on the 17th-century intellectual scene. His life spanned both the political revolutions of the English Civil War and its aftermath and the intellectual revolution in 17th-century science and philosophy. More was highly regarded in his own day as a metaphysician, although the combination of receptivity to the new (such as his admiration of Galileo, Descartes and Boyle) and defence of traditional thinking (notably his belief in witcraft) makes him a difficult figure to assess today. Notwithstanding his theological views notwithstanding, More was an important spokesman for moderation within the Anglican Church after the Restoration, and a key figure in the Latitudinarian movement.

Carlo Spacetime. E. Slowik 2013-03-14 Although Descartes' natural philosophy marked an advance in the development of modern science, many critics over the years, such as Newton, have rejected his particular 'relationalist' theory of space and motion. Nevertheless, it is also true that most historians and philosophers have not sufficiently investigated the viability of the Cartesian theory. This book explores, consequently, the success of the arguments against Descartes' theory of space and motion by determining if it is possible to formulate a version that can eliminate its alleged problems. In this way, the book contributes to the first sustained attempt to construct a consistent 'Cartesian' spacetime theory: that is, a theory of space and time that consistently incorporates Descartes' various physical and metaphysical concepts. Intended for students in the history of philosophy and science, this study reveals the sophisticated insights, and often quite successful elements, in Descartes' unjustly neglected relational theory of space and motion.

Religion, Reason and Nature in Early Modern Europe. R. Crocker 2001-10-31 From a variety of perspectives, the essays presented here explore the profound interdependence of natural philosophy and religious belief in the 'long seventeenth century' through the writing of Brunschvicg in 1860s and ends with the Enlightenment in the early Eighteenth century. From the writings of Grotius on natural law and religion, and the speculative, libertin novels of Cyrano de Bergerac, to the better-known works of Descartes, Malebranche, Cudworth, Leibniz, Boyle, Spinoza, Newton, and Locke, an increasing emphasis was placed on the rational relationship between religious doctrine, natural law, and a personal divine providence. While evidence for this intrinsic relationship was to be located in different places - in the ideas already present in the mind, in the observations and experiments of the natural philosophers and even in the history, present experience, and prophesied future of mankind - the result enabled and shaped the broader intellectual and scientific discourses of the Enlightenment.

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A Rosicrucian Utopia in Eighteenth-Century Russia Raffaella Faggionato 2006-01-18 This is the first investigation of the history of Russian Freemasonry, based on the premise that the facts of the Russian Enlightenment preclude application of the interpretative framework commonly used for the history of western thought. Coverage includes the development of early Russian masonry, the formation of the Novick circle in Moscow, the 'province' of Rosicrucianism and its Russian variant and, finally, the clash between the Rosicrucians and the State.

Cartesian Theodicy: Z. Janowski 2001-11-30 Almost all interpreters of Cartesian philosophy have hitherto focused on the methodological aspect of Descartes' thought. In his Cartesian Theodicy, Janowski demonstrates that Descartes' methodological problems are merely rearticulations of theological questions. For example, Descartes' attempt to define the role of God in man's cognitive faculties is to be understood as the expression of the existence of evil, 'whence evil?' The answer Descartes gives in the Meditations is actually a reformulation of the answer found in St. Augustine's De Libero Arbitrio and the Confessions. The influence of St. Augustine on Descartes can be detected in the doctrine of eternal truths which, within the context of the 17th-century debates over the question of the nature of divine freedom, caused Descartes to allow himself the Augustinian Oratians against the Jesuits. Both in his Cartesian Theodicy as well as his Index Augustino-Cartesio, Textes et Commentaire Janowski shows that the entire Cartesian metaphysics can - and should - be read within the context of Augustinian thought.

Leibniz, Mysticism and Religion A.P. Coudert 2013-04-17 Many scholars in the history of ideas have had a growing interest in examining Leibniz's many discussions of various aspects of religion, Christian, Jewish and far eastern. Leibniz, with his voracious interest and concern for so many aspects of human intellectual and spiritual life, read a wide variety of books on the various religions of mankind. He was also in personal contact with many of those who espoused orthodoxy and non-orthodox views. He annotated his copies of many books on religious subjects. And he was working on several essays and works of various kinds, including the Kabbalah, the Holy Bible and the Bible. In this work he draws with respect to religion. Pursuing the chain of causes that proves God's existence as first cause, Hobbes identifies and defines both "true religion" and such superstition as he found in the sciences, philosophy, politics, and other fields of inquiry.

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