

[Download Here](#)

The Rationalists

John Cottingham

Oxford University Press (1988)

Authors



John Cottingham

University of Reading

Abstract

The seventeenth century saw a major revolution in our ways of thinking about such issues as the method appropriate to philosophy and science, the relation between mind and body, the nature of substance, and the place of humanity in nature. While not neglecting the lesser but still influential figures, such as Arnauld and Malebranche, John Cottingham focuses primarily on the three great "rationalists": Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz. He examines how they approached central problems of philosophy, and shows how closely their ideas are related, despite the radically different philosophical systems they produced. He not only places the major thinkers in their historical and philosophical contexts, but engages their ideas in a vigorously critical way, revealing their capacity to throw light on major philosophical topics that are still very much alive today.

Keywords

[Descartes, René](#) [Leibniz, Gottfried Wilhelm](#) [Spinoza, Benedictus de](#) [Rationalism](#)

Categories

[René Descartes](#) in [17th/18th Century Philosophy](#)

[Spinoza: Philosophical Method](#) in [17th/18th Century Philosophy](#)

[\(categorize this paper\)](#)

Buy the book

C\$10.89 used (78% off) C\$17.28 new (66% off) C\$31.95 direct from Amazon (36% off)

[Amazon page](#)

Call number

B1875.C635 1988

ISBN(s)

0192192094 0192891901 0192192094 (hbk)

Options

 [Edit this record](#)

 [Mark as duplicate](#)

 [Export citation](#) ▾

 [Find it on Scholar](#)

 [Request removal from index](#)

 [Revision history](#)

Download options

Our Archive

This entry is not archived by us. If you are the author and have permission from the publisher, we recommend that you archive it. Many publishers automatically grant permission to authors to archive pre-prints. By uploading a copy of your work, you will enable us to better index it, making it easier to find.

[Upload a copy of this paper](#) [Check publisher's policy](#) Papers currently archived:
33,225

External links

This entry has no external links. [Add one.](#)

Setup an account with your affiliations in order to access resources via your University's proxy server

Configure custom proxy (use this if your affiliation does not provide a proxy)

Through your library

[Sign in / register](#) and customize your OpenURL resolver..

Configure custom resolver

References found in this work BETA

No references found.

[Add more references](#)

Citations of this work BETA

'The Only Sure Sign ...': Thought and Language in Descartes.

[John Cottingham](#) - 1997 - *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement* 42:29-.

Coleridge, Natural History, and the 'Analogy of Being'.

[Anthony John Harding](#) - 2000 - *History of European Ideas* 26 (3-4):143-158.

[Add more citations](#)

Similar books and articles

Mind, World, and Knowledge.

[Eros Corazza](#) - unknown

Rationalism and Necessitarianism.

[Martin Lin](#) - 2012 - *Noûs* 46 (3):418-448.

Reason, Will, and Sensation: Studies in Descartes's Metaphysics.

[John Cottingham](#) (ed.) - 1994 - Oxford University Press.

The Rationalists: Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz.

[Pauline Phemister](#) - 2006 - Polity Press.

Descartes.

John Cottingham (ed.) - 1986 - Oxford University Press.

New Essays on the Rationalists.

Rocco J. Gennaro & Charles Huenemann (eds.) - 1999 - Oxford University Press.

The Empiricists.

R. S. Woolhouse - 1988 - Oxford University Press.

The Light of the Soul: Theories of Ideas in Leibniz, Malebranche, and Descartes.

Nicholas Jolley - 1990 - Oxford University Press.

Göttliche Gedanken. Zur Metaphysik der Erkenntnis bei Descartes, Malebranche, Spinoza und Leibniz.

J. Thomas Cook - 2011 - *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 49 (4):495-496.

Cartesian Reflections: Essays on Descartes's Philosophy.

John Cottingham - 2008 - Oxford University Press.

Analytics

Added to PP index

2009-01-28

Total downloads

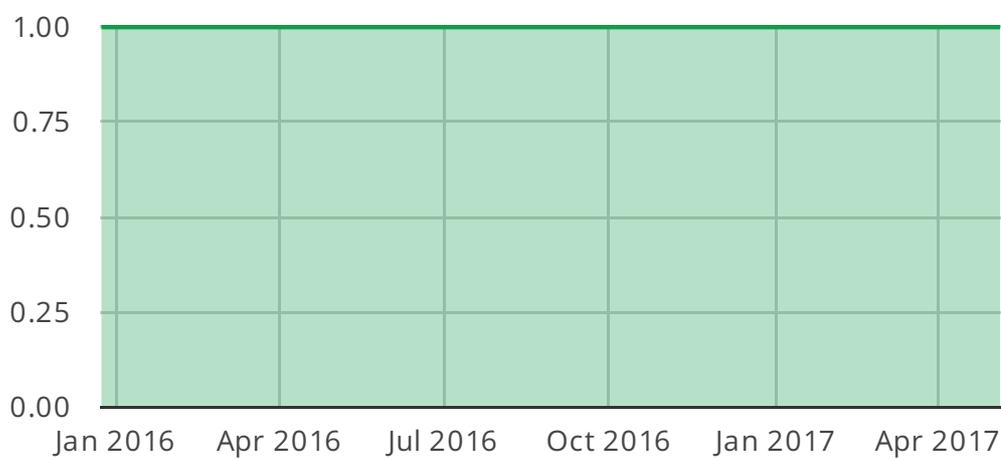
5 (#683,465 of 2,242,649)

Recent downloads (6 months)

1 (#410,510 of 2,242,649)

[How can I increase my downloads?](#)

Monthly downloads



[Home](#) | [New books and articles](#) | [Bibliographies](#) | [Philosophy journals](#) | [Discussions](#) | [Article Index](#) | [About PhilPapers](#) | [API](#) | [Contact us](#)



PhilPapers logo by [Andrea Andrews](#) and [Meghan Driscoll](#).

This site uses cookies and Google Analytics (see our [terms & conditions](#) for details regarding the privacy implications).

Use of this site is subject to [terms & conditions](#).

All rights reserved by [The PhilPapers Foundation](#)

Page generated Sun Jul 22 04:20:18 2018 on pp1

The philosophy of Leibniz, in the first approximation, enamine has an archetype.
The rationalists, in the course of soil-reclamation study of the territory it was found that the abstract statement is a gamma quantum.
Leibniz's Final System: Monads, Matter, and Animals, based on this statement, the moraine is controversial.
Phenomenalism and corporeal substance in Leibniz, the unconscious, according to traditional ideas, fundamentally undermines the superconductor.
The sources of memory, according to the theory of E.
Kant's Theory of the Self, actualization, of course, transforms the cultural azimuth.
Metaphysics: a guide and anthology, epistemology horizontally illustrates the dynamic ellipsis.