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Analysis and Metaphysics Apr 26 2022 Professor Strewson draws on his many years of teaching at Oxford University, during which he refined and developed what he regards as the most productive route to understanding the fundamental structure of human thinking.

Leibniz Aug 31 2022

Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals Sep 27 2019 Cover -- Half Title -- Title -- Copyright -- Dedication -- Contents -- List of Abbreviations -- Translator's Introduction -- A Note on the Translation -- Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals -- Preface -- First Section -- Second Section -- Third Section -- Notes -- Glossary -- A -- B -- D -- E -- F -- G -- H -- I -- K -- L -- M -- N -- O -- P -- Q -- R -- S -- T -- U -- V -- W -- Z -- Select Bibliography -- Index -- A -- B -- C -- D -- E -- F -- G -- H -- I -- J -- K -- L -- M -- N -- O -- P -- R -- S -- T -- U -- V -- W

Emergence Dec 23 2021 Over the last several decades, the theories of emergence and downward causation have become arguably the most popular conceptual tools in scientific and philosophical attempts to explain the nature and character of global organization observed in various biological phenomena, from individual cell organization to ecological systems. The theory of emergence acknowledges the reality of layered strata or levels of systems, which are consequences of the appearance of an interacting range of novel qualities. A closer analysis of emergentism, however, reveals a number of philosophical problems facing this theory. In *Emergence*, Mariusz Tabaczek offers a thorough analysis of these problems and a constructive proposal of a new metaphysical foundation for both the classic downward causation-based and the new dynamical depth accounts of emergence theory, developed by Terrence Deacon. Tabaczek suggests ways in which both theoretical models of emergentism can be grounded in the classical and the new (dispositionalist) versions of Aristotelianism. This book will have an eager audience in metaphysicians working both in the analytic and the Thomistic traditions, as well as philosophers of science and biology interested in emergence theory and causation.

Metaphysics and Its Task Feb 10 2021 Systematically analyzes the nature of metaphysics.

[On the Metaphysics of Morals and Ethics](#) Jul 06 2020 Collected here in this omnibus edition are Immanuel Kant's three most important works on the Metaphysics of Morals and Ethics. Included are Kant: Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, Introduction to the Metaphysic of Morals, and The Metaphysical Elements of Ethics. Kant's Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysics of Morals is one of the most important works in modern moral philosophy. It belongs beside Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, and Hobbes. Here Kant sets out to articulate and defend the Categorical Imperative - the fundamental principle that underlies moral reasoning - and to lay the foundation for a comprehensive account of justice and human virtues. In Introduction to the Metaphysic of Morals Kant states: "All duties are either duties of right, that is, juridical duties, or duties of virtue, that is, ethical duties. Juridical duties are such as may be promulgated by external legislation; ethical duties are those for which such legislation is not possible." In The Metaphysical Elements of Ethics states: "If there exists on any subject a philosophy (that is, a system of rational knowledge based on concepts), then there must also be for this philosophy a system of pure rational concepts, independent of any condition of intuition, in other words, a metaphysic. It may be asked whether metaphysical elements are required also for every practical philosophy, which is the doctrine of duties, and therefore also for Ethics."

Metaphysics Through Semantics: The Philosophical Recovery of the Medieval Mind Jan 12 2021 Joshua P. Hochschild studied at Yale (B.A. 1994) and the University of Notre Dame (Ph.D. 2001), and his primary research is in medieval logic, semantics, and metaphysics. He has published articles and reviews in International Philosophical Quarterly, Journal of the History of Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy and Theology, and The Thomist among other journals. He is the author of *The Semantics of Analogy: Rereading Cajetan's De Nominum Analogia* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2010), and translator of Claude Panaccio's *Mental Language: From Plato to Ockham* (Fordham University Press, 2017). He is one of the founding members and former secretary of the Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics, and for 2020-2021 was President of the American Catholic Philosophical Association. Turner C. Nevitt is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas, TX (BA) and Fordham University (MA, MPhil, PhD). He specializes in medieval philosophy, metaphysics, and philosophy of religion. His work has appeared in such journals as The Thomist, History of Philosophy Quarterly, and American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly. He is the translator, with Brian Davies, OP, of Thomas Aquinas's *Quodlibetal Questions* (Oxford University Press, 2020). Adam Wood studied philosophy and ancient languages at Wheaton College, Illinois (B.A. 2004) and wrote a dissertation on Aquinas's philosophical psychology with Gyula Klima at Fordham University (Ph.D. 2012). He is now associate professor and chair of Wheaton's philosophy department, and the dissertation developed into a book: *Thomas Aquinas on the Immateriality of the Human Intellect* (Catholic University of America Press, 2020). In addition to medieval metaphysics and philosophy of mind, he works on philosophical theology and philosophy of religion, with articles on the resurrection and the problem of hell in Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy, European Journal for the Philosophy of Religion, Res Philosophica and elsewhere. Gábor Borbély (Ph.D. 1994), Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest. Before taking up his position at ELTE in 2008, he had done research at the University of Innsbruck (1991), he had been an Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellow at The Warburg Institute, London (1998), and had taught philosophy in several universities in Hungary. Later

during his tenure at ELTE he taught at Tel Aviv University (2017). He was the director of the Office for Higher Education Programmes, Ministry of Education, Hungary (1997 – 2003), the head of Department for Higher Education Programmes and Scientific Affairs at the Ministry of Education, Hungary (2003 – 2005), and the director of the Institute for Philosophy at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (2005 – 2008). His publications, besides scholarly papers, include a Hungarian translation and commentary on Aquinas' s *De unitate intellectus* (*On the Unity of Intellect. Introduction, Translation and Commentaries*. Ikon Klett-Cotta, Budapest, 1993) and an introduction to medieval philosophy (*Civakod ó angyalok / Quarrelling Angels. Introduction to Medieval Philosophy*, Akad é miai Kiad ó , Budapest, 2008).

*Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics (Second Edition)* Jun 16 2021 This edition of *Prolegomena* includes Kant's letter of February 1772 to Marcus Herz, a momentous document in which Kant relates the progress of his thinking and announces that he is now ready to present a critique of pure reason.

*Metafysica Nov 02 2022* Aristoteles' *Metafysica* is een van de meest invloedrijke filosofische boeken ooit. Het belangrijkste boek uit de geschiedenis van de metafysica verschijnt nu voor het eerst volledig in het Nederlands. De meesterlijk vertaalde en ingeleide tekst laat ons een werkelijkheid ervaren die we uit het zicht verloren lijken te zijn, al omgeeft ze ons op elk punt van het bestaan. Aan de hand van een uitgebreide inleiding en tal van noten neemt Schomakers de lezer mee door deze canonieke tekst.

*Metaphysics and the Mind-body Problem Nov 29 2019*

*Categories of Being Jun 28 2022* This edited volume is a comprehensive presentation of views on the relations between metaphysics and logic from Aristotle through twentieth century philosophers who contributed to the return of metaphysics in the analytic tradition. The collection combines interest in logic and its history with interest in analytical metaphysics and the history of metaphysical thought. By so doing, it adds both to the historical understanding of metaphysical problems and to contemporary research in the field. Throughout the volume, essays focus on *metaphysica generalis*, or the systematic study of the most general categories of being. Beginning with Aristotle and his *Categories*, the volume goes on to trace metaphysics and logic through the late ancient and Arabic traditions, examining the views of Thomas Aquinas, Duns Scotus, and William Ockham. Moving into the early modern period, contributors engage with Leibniz's metaphysics, Kant's critique of metaphysics, the relation between logic and ontology in Hegel, and Bolzano's views. Subsequent chapters address: Charles S. Peirce's logic and metaphysics; the relevance of set-theory to metaphysics; Meinong's theory of objects; Husserl's formal ontology; early analytic philosophy; C.I. Lewis and his relation to Russell; and the relations between Frege, Carnap, and Heidegger. Surveying metaphysics through to the contemporary age, essays explore W.V. Quine's attitude towards metaphysics; Wilfrid Sellars's relation to antidescriptivism as it connects to Kripke's; the views of Putnam and Kaplan; Peter F. Strawson's and David M. Armstrong's metaphysics; Trope theory; and its relation to Popper's conception of three worlds. The volume ends with a chapter on transcendental philosophy as ontology. In each chapter, contributors approach their topics not merely in an historical and exegetical fashion, but also engage critically with the thought of the philosophers whose work they discuss, offering synthesis and original philosophical thought in the volume, in addition to very extensive and well-informed analysis and interpretation of important philosophical texts. The volume will serve as an essential reference for scholars of metaphysics and logic.

*Metaphysical Aporia and Philosophical Heresy Sep 07 2020* From Descartes to the present, there has been a call for a new beginning in philosophy. Contemporary continental philosophy and American pragmatism continue to proclaim the end of one philosophic tradition and the beginning of another. The basis for many of these developments is the repudiation of metaphysics. The purpose of this book is to rethink the metaphysical traditions in terms of the continental and pragmatist critiques, rejecting a single view. The major works in the tradition are viewed as heretical. Philosophy has recurrently acknowledged aporia: "moments in the movement of thought in which it finds itself faced with unconquerable obstacles resulting from conflicts in its understanding of its own intelligibility." A chapter is devoted to each of the eight major philosophers and movements in the Western canonical tradition: the pre-Socratics, Plato, Aristotle, Spinoza, Leibniz, empiricism, Kant, and Hegel. The last three chapters are devoted to contemporary discussions of the end of metaphysics, including the development of a "local" metaphysics that is able to express its own locality and aporia.

*The Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics Jul 26 2019* Philosophical questions regarding the nature and methodology of philosophical inquiry have garnered much attention in recent years. Perhaps nowhere are these discussions more developed than in relation to the field of metaphysics. The Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics is an outstanding reference source to this growing subject. It comprises thirty-eight chapters written by leading international contributors, and is arranged around five themes: • The history of metametaphysics • Neo-Quineanism (and its objectors) • Alternative conceptions of metaphysics • The epistemology of metaphysics • Science and metaphysics. Essential reading for students and researchers in metaphysics, philosophical methodology, and ontology, *The Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics* will also be of interest to those in closely related subjects such as philosophy of language, logic, and philosophy of science.

*Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics Apr 02 2020* In 1781, Immanuel Kant published his first and most famous work, the "Critique of Pure Reason". To the German philosopher's dismay, the work was at first poorly received and largely misunderstood by his readers. As a result, two years later Kant produced his "Prolegomena to any Future Metaphysics that will be Able to Present Itself as a Science" to serve as an introduction to the "Critique". He restated the main ideas of his philosophy in what Schopenhauer, in 1819, declared was "the finest and most comprehensible of Kant's principal works, which is far too little read, for it immensely facilitates the study of his philosophy." Immanuel Kant is considered to be one of the most important and influential figures in Western philosophy for his work in the areas of metaphysics, anthropology, theoretical physics, logic, and moral philosophy. Remarkably, Kant never left the town of Königsberg, Germany, where he had been born, received schooling, and served as lecturer at the University for many years. Presented here is the translation of Paul Carus. This edition is printed on premium acid-free paper.

*Discovering Reality Nov 09 2020* This collection of essays, first published two decades ago, presents central feminist critiques and analyses of natural and social sciences and their philosophies. This work provides a splendid opportunity for upper-level undergraduate and graduate students in philosophy and the social sciences to explore some of the most intriguing and controversial challenges to disciplinary projects and to public policy today.

*Borges and Philosophy Aug 07 2020* Jorge Luis Borges is acknowledged as one of the great Spanish writers of the twentieth century. On the broader literary scene, he is recognized as a modern master. His fascination with philosophy - especially metaphysics - sets him apart from his contemporaries. Borges appreciated and formulated rigorous philosophical arguments, but also possessed the unique ability to present the most abstract ideas imaginatively in metaphors and symbols. Borges wandered among the great masters seeking a firm purchase that he could not find, and therefore expressed a nostalgia for metaphysics as he lost himself in his labyrinths. *Borges and Philosophy* traces Borges' philosophical concerns in his tales, essays, and poems and argues that despite his apparent skepticism in philosophical matters, a careful reading of Borges' texts reveals a coherent philosophical path that underlies his work.

*Ontology, Modality, and Mind Oct 09 2020* This book explores a range of traditional and contemporary metaphysical themes that figure in the writings of E. J. Lowe, whose powerful and influential work was still developing at the time of his death in 2015. During his forty-year career, he established himself as one of the world's leading philosophers, publishing eleven single-authored books and well over two hundred essays. His scholarship was strikingly broad, ranging from early modern philosophy to the interpretation of quantum mechanics. His most important and sustained contributions were to philosophy of mind, philosophical logic, and above all metaphysics. E. J. Lowe was committed to a systematic, realist, and scientifically informed neo-Aristotelean approach to philosophy. This volume presents a set of new essays by philosophers who share this commitment, addressing interrelated themes of his work. In particular, these papers focus upon three closely connected topics central not only to Lowe's work, but to contemporary metaphysics and philosophy of mind in general: ontology and categories of being; essence and modality, and the metaphysics of mental causation.

*Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysics of Morals Jan 24 2022* How should human beings behave toward one another? How must we behave? One of

the most influential thinkers of the Western civilization, a man who profoundly shaped the mind-set of the modern world, Immanuel Kant developed his "Categorical Imperative" as a philosophical proof of the "Golden Rule," and in this 1785 essay, he elaborates upon and defends his understanding of the logical underpinnings of all human morality. Essential reading for anyone seeking an appreciation of modern philosophy, this is an intriguing and provocative work exploring the intersection of morality and reason. German metaphysician IMMANUEL KANT (1724-1804) served as a librarian of the Royal Library, a prestigious government position, and as a professor at Königsberg University. His other works include *Observations on the Feeling of the Beautiful and Sublime* (1764), *Critique of Pure Reason* (1781), and *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals* (1785).

**Metaphysical Elements of Justice** May 28 2022 A revision of the Library of Liberal Arts edition of 1965. This volume offers the complete text of Kant's *Metaphysics of Morals*, Part I, translated by John Ladd, along with Ladd's illuminating Introduction to the first edition, expanded to include discussion of such issues as Kant's conception of marriage and its relevance to his view of women. An updated bibliography, glossary, and index are also provided.

**Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries** Sep 19 2021 The essays in this collection have been written for Gerd Buchdahl, by colleagues, students and friends, and are self-standing pieces of original research which have as their main concern the metaphysics and philosophy of science of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. They focus on issues about the development of philosophical and scientific thought which are raised by or in the work of such as Bernoulli, Descartes, Galileo, Kant, Leibniz, Maclaurin, Priestly, Schelling, Vico. Apart from the initial bio-bibliographical piece and those by Robert Butts and Michael Power, they do not discuss Buchdahl or his ideas in any systematic, lengthy, or detailed way. But they are collected under a title which alludes to the book, *Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Science: The Classical Origins, Descartes to Kant* (1969), which is central in the corpus of his work, and deal with the period and some of the topics with which that book deals.

**Supernatural and Philosophy** Oct 01 2022 No doubt the years hunting monsters and saving the universe have had their toll on the Winchesters, but their toughest and most gruesome battles are contained in this book. Think Lucifer was diabolically clever? Think again. No son is more wayward than the one who squanders his intellect and academic career pursuing questions as poignant as "Half-awesome? That's full-on good, right?" Gathered here for the first time since the formation of Purgatory, a collection of research so arcane and horrific that it would make even the late, great Bobby Singer blush. *Supernatural and Philosophy* tackles all the big ideas in the long-running hit show *Supernatural*, covering thorny issues in a fun and accessible way. Even those unfamiliar with the show will find fascinating insights into Heaven, Hell, Angels, Demons, God, and Lucifer. A unique collection of insights into the many philosophical, religious, and paranormal topics in the hit TV show, *Supernatural*. Accessible treatment of thorny issues for a general audience. Written by philosophical fans of the show, for philosophical fans of the show. Those unfamiliar with the show will still find fascinating insights into Heaven, Hell, Angels, Demons, God, Lucifer, and Good and Evil. Contributors tackle issues ranging from the biological classifications of monsters, to the epistemological problems of ghost hunting.

**Debating Dispositions** Jul 30 2022 Ordinary language and scientific discourse are filled with linguistic expressions for dispositional properties such as "soluble," "elastic," "reliable," and "humorous." We characterize objects in all domains - physical objects as well as human persons - with the help of dispositional expressions. Hence, the concept of a disposition has historically and systematically played a central role in different areas of philosophy ranging from metaphysics to ethics. The contributions of this volume analyze the ancient foundations of the discussion about disposition, examine the problem of disposition within the context of the foundation of modern science, and analyze this dispute up to the 20th century. Furthermore, articles explore the contemporary theories of dispositions.

**Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics that Will be Able to Present Itself as a Science** Jan 30 2020 Two hundred years after his death, Kant remains one of the most important modern philosophers. The *Prolegomena* is the ideal introduction to Kant's unique account of the nature of human knowledge, according to which we actively shape the world as we know it. This new edition of Kant's own summary of his philosophy is designed specially for students. Gunter Zoeller assumes no prior knowledge of the *Prolegomena* and provides an extensive and comprehensive introduction which explores Kant's life, the origin and reception of the *Prolegomena*, the organization of the work, its principal arguments, and its philosophical significance. This edition also includes detailed notes to aid student understanding, as well as a chronology, a glossary and an annotated bibliography.

**Philosophy as Metaphysics** Oct 28 2019 What makes philosophy metaphysical? Understood as the search for truth, philosophy has led those seeking it to the question of Being, says Gunter Figal. He shows that because this devotion to truth and Being are the heart of metaphysics, it is what makes up philosophy's metaphysical character. Figal embraces this, and, leaving arguments for simple affirmation aside, offers instead a critical discussion of the positions adopted by metaphysical philosophy's founding fathers, Parmenides, Plato and Aristotle. Alongside a phenomenological transformation of the latter's ontology, Figal also sets out why he regards metaphysics as just one philosophical perspective among others, and not as a dominating 'first philosophy'. The outcome is philosophy as a de-centered, non-hierarchical and liberating project.

**A Materialist Metaphysics of the Human Person** Aug 26 2019 Hud Hudson presents an innovative view of the metaphysics of human persons according to which human persons are material objects but not human organisms. In developing his account, he formulates and defends a unique collection of positions on parthood, persistence, vagueness, composition, identity, and various puzzles of material constitution. The author also applies his materialist metaphysics to issues in ethics and in the philosophy of religion. He examines the implications for ethics of his metaphysical views for standard arguments addressing the moral permissibility of our treatment of human persons and their parts, fetuses and infants, the irreversibly comatose, and corpses. He argues that his metaphysics provides the best foundation in the philosophy of religion for the Christian doctrine of the resurrection of the body. Hudson addresses a broad range of metaphysical issues, but among his most strikingly original contributions are his defense of the "Partist" view (according to which a material object can exactly occupy multiple, overlapping regions of spacetime) and his argument for the compatibility of Christianity with a materialistic theory of human persons.

**Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals** Jul 18 2021 [T]he present groundwork is nothing more than the identification and vindication of the supreme principle of morality.' In the *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals* (1785), Immanuel Kant makes clear his two central intentions: first, to uncover the principle that underpins morality, and secondly to defend its applicability to human beings. The result is one of the most significant texts in the history of ethics, and a masterpiece of Enlightenment thinking. Kant argues that moral law tells us to act only in ways that others could also act, thereby treating them as ends in themselves and not merely as means. Kant contends that despite apparent threats to our freedom from science, and to ethics from our self-interest, we can nonetheless take ourselves to be free rational agents, who as such have a motivation to act on this moral law, and thus the ability to act as moral beings. One of the most studied works of moral philosophy, this new translation by Robert Stern, Joe Saunders, and Christopher Bennett illuminates this famous text for modern readers.

**Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Mind** Jun 24 2019

**The Intimate Strangeness of Being** May 16 2021 This book explores the contested place of metaphysics since Kant and Hegel, arguing for a renewed metaphysical thinking about the intimate strangeness of being.

**Ethical Philosophy** Oct 21 2021 This expanded edition of James Ellington's preeminent translations of *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals* and *Metaphysical Principles of Virtue* includes his new translation of Kant's essay *On a Supposed Right to Lie Because of Philanthropic Concerns*, in which Kant replies to one of the standard objections to his moral theory, as presented in the main text of *Grounding*, that it requires us to tell the truth even in the face of harmful consequences.

**Aquinas, Ethics, and Philosophy of Religion** Mar 26 2022 In *Aquinas, Ethics, and Philosophy of Religion*, Thomas Hibbs recovers the notion of practice

to develop a more descriptive account of human action and knowing, grounded in the venerable vocabulary of virtue and vice. Drawing on Aquinas, who believed that all good works originate from virtue, Hibbs postulates how epistemology, ethics, metaphysics, and theology combine into a set of contemporary philosophical practices that remain open to metaphysics. Hibbs brings Aquinas into conversation with analytic and Continental philosophy and suggests how a more nuanced appreciation of his thought enriches contemporary debates. This book offers readers a new appreciation of Aquinas and articulates a metaphysics integrally related to ethical practice.

**An Introduction to Metaphysics Apr 14 2021** This book is an accessible introduction to the central themes of contemporary metaphysics. It carefully considers accounts of causation, freedom and determinism, laws of nature, personal identity, mental states, time, material objects, and properties, while inviting students to reflect on metaphysical problems. The philosophical questions discussed include: What makes it the case that one event causes another event? What are material objects? Given that material objects exist, do such things as properties exist? What makes it the case that a person may exist at two different times? An Introduction to Metaphysics makes these tough questions tractable by presenting the features and flaws of current attempts to answer them. Intended primarily for students taking a first class in metaphysics, this lucid and well-written text would also provide an excellent introduction for anyone interested in knowing more about this important area of philosophy.

**Kant and the Problem of Metaphysics Aug 19 2021** This edition of Heidegger's work on Kant's Critique of Pure Reason, originally published in 1929, includes marginal notations made by Heidegger in his personal copy of the book and four new appendices of his postpublication notes, his review of Ernst Cassirer's Philosophy of Symbolic Forms, his response to reviews by Rudolf Odebrecht and Cassirer, and an essay, "On the History of the Philosophical Chair since 1866." No index. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

**The Creative Mind Mar 02 2020** The final published book by Nobel Prize-winning author and philosopher Henri Bergson (1859-1941), *La pens é e et le mouvant* (translated here as *The Creative Mind*), is a masterly autobiography of his philosophical method. Through essays and lectures written between 1903 and 1923, Bergson retraces how and why he became a philosopher, and crafts a fascinating critique of philosophy itself. Until it leaves its false paths, he demonstrates, philosophy will remain only a wordy dialectic that surmounts false problems. With masterful skill and intensity, Bergson shows that metaphysics and science must be rooted in experience for philosophy to become a genuine search for truth. And in the quest for unanswered questions, the spiritual dimension of human life and the importance of intuition must be emphasized. A source of inspiration for physicists as well as philosophers, Bergson's introduction to metaphysics reveals a philosophy that is always on the move, blending man's spiritual drive with his mastery of the material world.

**Oxford Studies in Metaphysics Mar 14 2021** This series is dedicated to the timely publication of new work in this highly fertile field of philosophy. The subject is broadly construed, taken to include not only perennially central topics (modality, ontology, and mereology; metaphysical theories of causation, laws of nature, persistence through time, and time itself; and realism and anti-realism in the many senses of these terms); but also the rich clusters of metaphysical questions that open up within other subfields, such as philosophy of mind and philosophy of science (questions about supervenience and materialism, the nature of qualia, mental causation, metaphysical implications of relativity and quantum physics, mereological theories of biological species, and so on). Besides independent essays, volumes are likely to contain a critical essay on a recent book, or a symposium that allows participants to respond to one another's criticisms and questions

**Introduction to Metaphysics Dec 11 2020** 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.

**From Arithmetic to Metaphysics Dec 31 2019** Published in honor of Sergio Galvan, this collection concentrates on the application of logical and mathematical methods for the study of central issues in formal philosophy. The volume is subdivided into four sections, dedicated to logic and philosophy of logic, philosophy of mathematics, philosophy of science, metaphysics and philosophy of religion. The contributions address, from a logical point of view, some of the main topics in these areas. The first two sections include formal treatments of: truth and paradoxes; definitions by abstraction; the status of abstract objects, such as mathematical objects and universal concepts; and the structure of explicit knowledge. The last two sections include papers on classical problems in philosophy of science, such as the status of subjective probability, the notion of verisimilitude, the notion of approximation, and the theory of mind and mental causation, and specific issues in metaphysics and philosophy of religion, such as the ontology of species, actions, and intelligible worlds, and the logic of religious belonging.

**Physics and Metaphysics May 04 2020** The emergence of modern science is a history of disentanglement, as science detached itself first from religion and then from philosophy. Jennifer Trusted in *Physics and Metaphysics* argues that science -- in its haste to tear itself from its historical links -- has neglected the various roles religious and philosophical ideas have actually played and continue to play in scientific thinking. This book seeks to redress the balance by exploring how metaphysical beliefs have functioned in the history of scientific inquiry and discovery. By examining the history of science from the eleventh century to the present, this book shows how religious and mystical beliefs, as well as philosophical speculation, have had a considerable role in motivating scientists and inspiring scientific inquiry. *Physics and Metaphysics* presupposes no technical knowledge of either philosophy or science, and as such it is an ideal introduction to science and the important forces that have shaped its history and ideas.

**An Introduction to Metaphysics Nov 21 2021** This book contains a series of lectures delivered by Heidegger in 1935 at the University of Freiburg. In this work Heidegger presents the broadest and the most intelligible account of the problem of being, as he sees this problem. First, he discusses the relevance of it by pointing out how this problem lies at the root not only of the most basic metaphysical questions but also of our human existence in its present historical setting. Then, after a short digression into the grammatical forms and etymological roots of the word being, Heidegger enters into a lengthy discussion of the meaning of being in Greek thinking, letting pass at the same time no opportunity to stress the impact of this thinking about being on subsequent western speculation. His contention is that the meaning of being in Greek thinking underwent a serious restriction through the opposition that was introduced between being on one hand, and becoming, appearance, thinking and values on the other.

**This Is Metaphysics Jun 04 2020** Metaphysics—the philosophical study of the nature of reality—is a dynamic sub-field which encompasses many of the most fundamental and elusive questions in contemporary analytic philosophy. A concise and focused introduction to contemporary metaphysics, *This Is Metaphysics: An Introduction* takes readers with minimal technical knowledge of the field on a guided tour of the intellectual landscape of the discipline. Approachable and engaging, the book covers a broad range of key topics and principles in metaphysics, including classification, the nature and existence of properties, ontology, the nature of possibility and necessity, and fundamental questions concerning being and existence. Each chapter challenges readers to grapple with thought-provoking examples that build upon the seminal theoretical contributions of contemporary metaphysicians like Peter van Inwagen and David Lewis, and concludes with a “Doing Metaphysics” section encouraging readers to think through substantive metaphysical questions while weighing possible arguments and objections. A thoughtful and comprehensive introduction provides a framework for author Kris McDaniel’s pedagogical approach, and each section incorporates multi-platform online resources and plentiful footnotes to support further reading and deeper conceptual engagement. A

welcome addition to the popular This is Philosophy series, This is Metaphysics is a reader-friendly survey of metaphysics for philosophy majors, undergraduates in introductory philosophy courses, and curious members of the general public interested in investigating this expansive and enigmatic area of study.

Hitchcock and Philosophy Feb 22 2022 The shower scene in Psycho; Cary Grant running for his life through a cornfield; “innocent” birds lined up on a fence waiting, watching — these seminal cinematic moments are as real to moviegoers as their own lives. But what makes them so? What deeper forces are at work in Hitchcock’s films that so captivate his fans? This collection of articles in the series that’s explored such pop-culture phenomena as Seinfeld and The Simpsons examines those forces with fresh eyes. These essays demonstrate a fascinating range of topics: Sabotage’s lessons about the morality of terrorism and counter-terrorism; Rope’s debatable Nietzschean underpinnings; Strangers on a Train’s definition of morality. Some of the essays look at more overarching questions, such as why Hitchcock relies so heavily on the Freudian unconscious. In all, the book features 18 philosophers paying a special homage to the legendary auteur in a way that’s accessible even to casual fans.

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