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Descartes and the
Metaphysics of Human
Nature Hachette UK

The noetic model is the first theory of any kind to explain qualia in physical terms. The formal delineation of the life principle or élan vital explains not only the origin of self-organisation in living systems, providing the basis for the first comprehensive

dualist theory, but also is what makes the model empirically testable allowing this volume to make history. The floodgates are about to open to almost unimaginable advances in the field of consciousness studies. This book introduces a comprehensive empirically testable model of dualism-interactionism to legitimise the interactionist model at a level tantamount to any other avenue of epistemological investigation.

The Principles of
Philosophy John Wiley & Sons

On Descartes' Passive Thought is the culmination of a life-long reflection on the philosophy of Descartes by one of the most important living French philosophers. In it, Jean-Luc Marion examines anew some of the questions left unresolved in his previous books about Descartes, with a particular focus on Descartes's theory of morals and the passions. Descartes has long been

associated with mind-body dualism, but Marion argues here that this is a historical misattribution, popularized by Malebranche and popular ever since both within the academy and with the general public. Actually, Marion shows, Descartes held a holistic conception of body and mind. He called it the *meum corpus*, a passive mode of thinking, which implies far more than just pure mind—rather, it signifies a mind directly connected to the body: the human being that I am.

Understood in this new light, the Descartes Marion uncovers through close readings of works such as *Passions of the Soul* resists prominent criticisms leveled at him by twentieth-century figures like Husserl and Heidegger, and even anticipates the non-dualistic, phenomenological concepts of human being discussed today. This is a momentous book that no serious historian of philosophy will be able to ignore.

Problems of Mind

Cambridge University Press

Nominated for the 2016 PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award

An NBC News Notable Science Book of 2015

Named one of Publishers Weekly's Best Books of 2015

A Book of the Month for Brain HQ/Posit Science

Selected by Forbes as a Must Read Brain Book of 2015

On Life Changes Network's list of the Top 10 Books That Could Change Your Life of 2015

In the tradition of Oliver Sacks, a tour of the latest

neuroscience of schizophrenia, autism, Alzheimer's disease, ecstatic epilepsy, Cotard's syndrome, out-of-body experiences, and other disorders—revealing the awesome power of the human sense of self from a master of science journalism. Anil Ananthaswamy's extensive in-depth interviews venture into the lives of individuals who offer perspectives that will change how you think about who you are. These individuals all lost some part of what we

think of as our self, but they then offer remarkable, sometimes heart-wrenching insights into what remains. One man cut off his own leg. Another became one with the universe. We are learning about the self at a level of detail that Descartes (“I think therefore I am”) could never have imagined. Recent research into Alzheimer's illuminates how memory creates your narrative self by using the same part of your brain for your past as for your future. But wait, those

afflicted with Cotard's syndrome think they are already dead; in a way, they believe that “I think therefore I am not.” Who—or what—can say that? Neuroscience has identified specific regions of the brain that, when they misfire, can cause the self to move back and forth between the body and a doppelgänger, or to leave the body entirely. So where in the brain, or mind, or body, is the self actually located? As Ananthaswamy elegantly reports, neuroscientists themselves now see that

the elusive sense of self is both everywhere and nowhere in the human brain.

A Companion to Descartes

Oxford University Press on Demand

René Descartes

1596-1650 The 'father of modern philosophy', René Descartes has been accorded all the admiration a father customarily receives - and all the resentment. That mind-body duality by which he so deftly made sense of us now seems less paradigm than prison. And yet, to unthink it

appears impossible. For better of worse, Descartes must remain our starting-point in the attempt to understand ourselves and our relation to our world. Yet if the problems begin with Descartes, so too may some of the solutions. John Cottingham's fascinating guide finds in the French philosopher's own neglected later work some intriguing hints as to how the stumbling-blocks might be surmounted. The father of modern philosophy, it seems, might yet be his

child's deliverer.

In the Shadow of Descartes State

University of New York Press

This book articulates and defends Descartes's dual key project: the separation of human mind and body as distinct substances and their integration into a single human being. The central challenge faced by Descartes's dualism is the prove too much/prove too little dilemma: too keen a separation of mind and body gets in the way of reuniting them into a full

bloodied real human subject, whereas emphasizing the primality of the full human being is not enough to preserve the distinctness of mind and body as separate complete substances
The Immaterial Self
 Hackett Publishing
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Passions of the Soul

Courier Corporation
 A defence of the Cartesian dualist conception of the mind.

Ancient Greek Psychology and the Modern Mind-body Debate

Cambridge University Press
 Contemporary philosophers of mind often raise serious

questions around the concepts of self, subjectivity, and 'the inner life' on the grounds that such concepts have their origin in a discredited Cartesian metaphysics. The contention of this book is that the rejection of 'interiority' and related concepts has been based on a time-honoured misreading of Descartes. In the course of exposing the misconceived anti-Cartesianism of a wide range of thinkers from Wittgenstein and Ryle to Dennett and Foucault, an

attempt is made to clear a space for a new post-Cartesian conception of subjectivity - a conception of subjectivity which is consistent with at least some versions of materialism. The aim of this book is not to defend Cartesian dualism but to reclaim important concepts that have been anathematized by having been mistakenly associated with it.

[The Cambridge Companion to Descartes-Meditations](#) MIT Press
Descartes' philosophy represented one of the

most explicit statements of mind-body dualism in the history of philosophy. Its most familiar expression is found in the *Meditations* (1641) and in Part I of *The Principles of Philosophy* (1644). However neither of these books provided a detailed discussion of dualism. The *Meditations* was primarily concerned with finding a foundation for reliable human knowledge, while the *Principles* attempted to provide an alternative metaphysical framework, in contrast with scholastic philosophy, within which

natural philosophy or a scientific explanation of natural phenomena could be developed. Thus neither book explicitly presents a Cartesian theory of the mind nor does either give a detailed account of how, if dualism were accepted, mind and body would interact. The task of articulating such a theory was left to two further works, only one of which was completed by Descartes, viz. the *Treatise on Man* (published posthumously in 1664). The *Treatise*

began with the following sentence, describing the hypothetical human beings who were to be explained in that work: 'These human beings will be composed, as we are, of a soul and a body; and, first of all, I must describe the body for you separately; then, also separately, the soul; and finally I must show you how these two natures would have to be joined and united to constitute human beings resembling us.

Rene Descartes: Oxford Bibliographies Online

Research Guide Oxford University Press, USA Originally published in 1940, this book provides a thorough discussion of René Descartes philosophy of metaphysics, examining the three major points of the mind and body, freedom of the will and religion and science. Specific chapters are devoted to the Cartesian theory and the *Meditations*, in particular the Sixth.

Rene Descartes and the Legacy of Mind/Body Dualism University of

Chicago Press

This monograph presents an interpretation of Descartes's dualism, which differs from the standard reading called 'classical separatist dualism' claiming that the mind can exist without the body. It argues that, contrary to what it is commonly claimed, Descartes's texts suggest an emergent creationist substance dualism, according to which the mind is a nonphysical substance (created and maintained by God), which cannot begin to

think without a well-disposed body. According to this interpretation, God's laws of nature endow each human body with the power to be united to an immaterial soul. While the soul does not directly come from the body, the mind can be said to emerge from the body in the sense that it cannot be created by God independently from the body. The divine creation of a human mind requires a well-disposed body, a physical categorical basis. This kind of emergentism is consistent with

creationism and does not necessarily entail that the mind cannot survive the body. This early modern view has some connections with Hasker's substance emergent dualism (1999). Indeed, Hasker states that the mind is a substance emerging at one time from neurons and that consciousness has causal powers which effects cannot be explained by physical neurons. An emergent unified self-existing entity emerges from the brain on which it acts upon. For its

proponents, Hasker's view explains what Descartes's dualism fails to explain, especially why the mind regularly interacts with one and only one body. After questioning the notion of emergence, the author argues that the theory of emergent creationist substance dualism that she attributes to Descartes is a more appropriate alternative because it faces fewer problems than its rivals. This monograph is valuable for anyone interested in the history of early modern

philosophy and contemporary philosophy of mind.

The Man Who Wasn't

There University of Toronto Press

The present volume contains a reprint of the preface and the first part of the *Principles of Philosophy*, together with selections from the second, third and fourth parts of that work, corresponding to the extracts in the French edition of Gamier, are also given, as well as an appendix containing part of Descartes' reply to the

Second Objections (viz., his formal demonstrations of the existence of Deity). The translation is based on the original Latin edition of the *Principles*, published in 1644. The work had been translated into French during Descartes' lifetime, and personally revised and corrected by him, the French text is evidently deserving of the same consideration as the Latin originals, and consequently, the additions and variations of the French version have also been given--the

additions being put in square brackets in the text and the variations in the footnotes.

Mind, Body, and Morality
Routledge

Presents the online exhibition, "Mind and Body: Rene Descartes to William James." Provides information on the rise of experimental psychology. Discusses Rene Descartes and mind/body dualism, experimental psychology, and psychology in America. Offers access to the catalogue of the exhibit and the references and titles consulted.

Notes that the original exhibition was sponsored by the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland, and the American Psychological Association in Washington D.C.

Meditations on the First Philosophy in which the Existence of God and the Distinction Between Mind and Body are

Demonstrated John Wiley & Sons

Descartes's concept of the mind, as distinct from the body with which it forms a union, set the agenda for much of Western

philosophy's subsequent reflection on human nature and thought. This is the first book to give an analysis of Descartes's pivotal concept that deals with all the functions of the mind, cognitive as well as volitional, theoretical as well as practical and moral. Focusing on Descartes's view of the mind as intimately united to and intermingled with the body, and exploring its implications for his philosophy of mind and moral psychology, Lilli Alanen argues that the

epistemological and methodological consequences of this view have been largely misconstrued in the modern debate. Informed by both the French tradition of Descartes scholarship and recent Anglo-American research, Alanen's book combines historical-contextual analysis with a philosophical problem-oriented approach. It seeks to relate Descartes's views on mind and intentionality both to contemporary debates and to the problems

Descartes confronted in their historical context. By drawing out the historical antecedents and the intellectual evolution of Descartes's thinking about the mind, the book shows how his emphasis on the embodiment of the mind has implications far more complex and interesting than the usual dualist account suggests. [Descartes's Dualism](#) Harvard University Press Features information about French mathematician and philosopher Rene Descartes (1596-1650)

and his ideas regarding the mind and body relationship. Notes that the information is part of the Serendip forum. **Essays on the Philosophy and Science of René Descartes** Springer Nature What influence did René Descartes' concept of mind-body dualism have on early modern conceptions of the self? In *The Matter of Mind*, Christopher Braider challenges the presumed centrality of Descartes' groundbreaking theory to seventeenth-century

French culture. He details the broad opposition to rational self-government among Descartes' contemporaries, and attributes conventional links between Descartes and the myth of the "modern subject" to post-structuralist assessments. *The Matter of Mind* presents studies drawn from a range of disciplines and examines the paintings of Nicolas Poussin, the drama of Pierre Corneille, and the theology of Blaise Pascal. Braider argues that if early modern thought

converged on a single model, then it was the experimental picture based on everyday experience proposed by Descartes' sceptical adversary, Michel de Montaigne. Forceful and provocative, *The Matter of Mind* will encourage lively debate on the norms and discourses of seventeenth-century philosophy.

Descartes's Concept of Mind Penguin

Descartes made a sharp distinction between matter and mind. But he also thought that the two

interact with one another. Is such interaction possible, however, without either a materialist reduction of mind to matter or an idealist (phenomenalist) reduction of matter to mind? These questions overshadow the Western tradition in metaphysics from the time of Descartes to present times. The book makes an effort to stay clear of reductivist views of the two Cartesian substances. It defends a dualistic psycho-physical parallel theory which reconciles

freedom of action with determinism in nature. Basic problems in perception theory are also discussed, with special emphasis on hearing and sound. Because of the intrinsic interest of the subject and the author's non-technical presentation of it, the book should appeal to all readers with a serious interest in philosophy and psychology.

The Mind-Body Problem Routledge

Roger Ariew presents a new account of Descartes as a philosopher who

sought to engage his contemporaries and society. He argues that the *Principles of Philosophy* was written to rival Scholastic textbooks, and considers Descartes' enterprise in contrast to the tradition it was designed to replace and in relation to the works of the first Cartesians. [Treatise on the Human Mind \(1666\)](#) Springer Science & Business Media 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. *The Philosophy of the*

Body Oxford University Press, USA

The turn of the millennium has been marked by new developments in the study of early modern philosophy. In particular, the philosophy of René Descartes has been reinterpreted in a number of important and exciting ways, specifically concerning his work on the mind-body union, the connection between objective and formal reality, and his status as a moral philosopher. These fresh interpretations have

coincided with a renewed interest in overlooked parts of the Cartesian corpus and a sustained focus on the similarities between Descartes' thought and the philosophy of Baruch Spinoza. *Mind, Body, and Morality* consists of fifteen chapters written by scholars who have contributed significantly to the new turn in

Descartes and Spinoza scholarship. The volume is divided into three parts. The first group of chapters examines different metaphysical and epistemological problems raised by the Cartesian mind-body union. Part II investigates Descartes' and Spinoza's understanding of the relations between ideas,

knowledge, and reality. Special emphasis is put on Spinoza's conception of the relation between activity and passivity. Finally, the last part explores different aspects of Descartes' moral philosophy, connecting his views to important predecessors, Augustine and Abelard, and comparing them to Spinoza.