

HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY

THE RATIONALISTS

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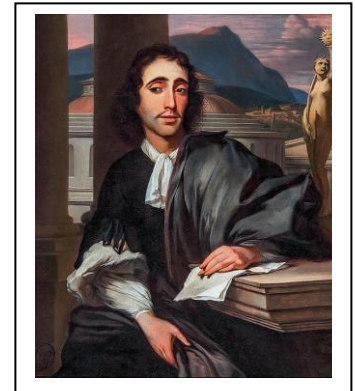
MWF 11:00 am to 11:50 Face-to-Face Delivery

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Descartes: The only thing I can know with certainty is that when I am aware that I am thinking, I know that I exist. *Cogito, sum.* Of this I am certain whenever I bring it to my mind, but what is it that I know to exist? Only the that which thinks.

Spinoza: There is only God. By Prop. XIV, If any substance besides God were granted, it would have to be explained by some attribute of God, and thus two substances with the same attribute would exist, which (by Prop. V) is absurd; therefore, besides God no substance can be granted, or consequently, be conceived. Therefore, besides God no substance can be granted or conceived.. And, by Prop. XXIX, Nothing in the universe is contingent, but all things are conditioned to exist and operate in a particular manner by the necessity of the divine nature.



Leibniz: MONADS !!!