

**Topical Outline
Philosophy 170
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Spinoza

- I. Account of Descartes's philosophy
 - A. Proofs of God's existence
 - B. Nature of God
- II. Emendation of the Intellect
 - A. Ways of affirming and denying
 - B. The standard of the true idea
- III. Concerning God
 - A. The existence of substance
 - B. Nature of God
 - 1. Cause of all things
 - 2. Eternal
 - 3. Acts by necessity
 - C. Normativity (good, bad, beautiful, ugly, etc.)
- IV. The nature and origin of the mind
 - A. Attributes and modes
 - B. The nature of the human mind
 - C. Ideas of bodies
 - D. Adequate and inadequate ideas
 - E. Will and Intellect
- V. The nature and origin of the emotions
 - A. Desire
 - B. Pleasure and pain
 - C. Love and hatred
 - D. General definition of the emotions
- VI. The strength of the emotions
 - A. Active and passive emotions
 - B. Relations with other people
- VII. The power of the emotions
 - A. Love of God
 - B. How the mind is eternal
 - C. Contentment of the mind
 - D. Blessedness

Leibniz

I. Criticisms of Spinoza

- A. Not all possible things are created
- B. There are created substances distinct from God
- C. Mind and body are distinct
- D. The mind is not eternal in the way Spinoza describes

II. Characteristic

- A. Characteristic numbers
- B. The predicate is contained in the subject

III. Ideas

- A. Clear vs. obscure
- B. Distinct vs. confused
- C. Adequate vs. inadequate
- D. Intuitive vs. symbolic

IV. Primary Truths

- A. Principle of contradiction
- B. Principle of sufficient reason
- C. Principle of the identity of indiscernibles

V. Necessity and contingency

- A. Absolute vs. hypothetical necessity
- B. The hypothetical necessity of all actions of created beings
- C. Inclination without necessitation

VI. God and creation

- A. Proof of God's existence
- B. God's choice of the best possible world
- C. Created substances as mirrors of the universe
- D. Pre-established harmony
- E. Evil and God's goodness

VII. Metaphysics and physics

- A. Final causes
- B. Activity and passivity
- C. The nature of extended bodies
- D. The nature of space and time
- E. Monads
 - 1. Bare monads
 - 2. Living things
 - 3. Animals
 - 4. Minds
- F.. The mind/body relation