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Global Journalism Ethics Feb 23 2020 An

argument for a new system of ethics in journalism that will take into account its global reach and impact.

Retrieving Darwin's Revolutionary Idea May 28 2020 This study examines the development of Darwin's theory of natural selection. The author analyzes how the theory was rejected by the scientific community and argues that his radical thought anticipated Nietzsche's Godless philosophy, Marx's class-based economics, and Freud's psychological theories of the unconscious.

Brainwashing Dec 03 2020 Brainwashing brings together the worlds of neuroscience and social psychology to examine the way humans have attempted throughout history to influence and control the thoughts of others. The book explores the history and the science of thought control and shows how it still exists all around, from marketing and television to politics and education.

Evolution and Holiness Oct 21 2019 Theology

needs to engage what recent developments in the study of evolution mean for how we understand moral behavior. How does the theological concept of holiness connect to contemporary understandings of evolution? In this groundbreaking work, Matthew Hill uses the lens of Wesleyan ethics to offer a fresh assessment of the intersection of evolution and theology.

Daniel Dennett Sep 19 2019 This book offers an introduction to and overview of Dennett's ideas, his writings and his contributions to the various fields of philosophy.

The Resounding Soul Jun 28 2020 It is surely not coincidental that the term "soul" should mean not only the center of a creature's life and consciousness, but also a thing or action characterized by intense vivacity ("that bike's got soul!"). It also seems far from coincidental that the same contemporary academic discussions that have largely cast aside the language of "soul" in their quest to define the

character of human mental life should themselves be so--how to say it?--bloodless, so lacking in soul. This volume arises from the opposite premise, namely that the task of understanding human nature is bound up with and in important respects dependent upon the more critical task of learning to be fully human, of learning to have soul. The papers collected here are derived from a conference in Oxford sponsored by the Centre of Theology and Philosophy and together explore the often surprising landscape that emerges when human consciousness is approached from this angle. Drawing upon literary, philosophical, theological, historical, and musical modes of analysis, the essays of this volume vividly remind the reader of the power of the ancient language of soul over against contemporary impulses to reduce, fragment, and overly determine human selfhood.

Real Materialism Dec 23 2019 *Real Materialism* is a collection of highly original essays on a set

of related topics in philosophy of mind and metaphysics: consciousness and the mind-body problem; our knowledge of the world; the nature of the self or subject; free will and moral responsibility; the nature of thought and intentionality; causation and David Hume. Willensfreiheit Nov 14 2021 Die Neuauflage ist vollständig überarbeitet und greift vor allem die Diskussion auf, die um dieses Buch entstanden ist. Das Buch verschafft einen Überblick über die neueste Willensfreiheitsdebatte, wobei es auch die Konsequenzen der Hirnforschung für das Freiheitsproblem erörtert. Zudem entwickelt der Autor eine originelle eigene Position. Er widerspricht dem philosophischen Konsens, dass die Fähigkeit, sich so oder anders zu entscheiden, mit dem naturwissenschaftlichen Weltbild unverträglich sei. Geert Keil argumentiert: Wir können zwar keine Naturgesetze abändern und sind auch nicht die ersten Bewegter, aber dies ist auch nicht unbedingt nötig.

Uncommon Dissent Jan 16 2022 Recent years have seen the rise to prominence of ever more sophisticated philosophical and scientific critiques of the ideas marketed under the name of Darwinism. In *Uncommon Dissent*, mathematician and philosopher William A. Dembski brings together essays by leading intellectuals who find one or more aspects of Darwinism unpersuasive. As Dembski explains, Darwinism has gathered around itself an aura of invincibility that is inhospitable to rational discussion—to say the least: “Darwinism, its proponents assure us, has been overwhelmingly vindicated. Any resistance to it is futile and indicates bad faith or worse.” Indeed, those who question the Darwinian synthesis are supposed, in the famous formulation of Richard Dawkins, to be ignorant, stupid, insane, or wicked. The hostility of dogmatic Darwinians like Dawkins has not, however, prevented the advent of a growing cadre of scholarly critics of metaphysical Darwinism. The measured,

thought-provoking essays in *Uncommon Dissent* make it increasingly obvious that these critics are not the brainwashed fundamentalist buffoons that Darwinism’s defenders suggest they are, but rather serious, skeptical, open-minded inquirers whose challenges pose serious questions about the viability of Darwinist ideology. The intellectual power of their contributions to *Uncommon Dissent* is bracing.

Reasonable Faith for a Post-Secular Age Jul 30 2020 Our global community desperately needs overt awakening to an age of reason and faith. *Reasonable Faith for a Post-Secular Age* meets this need by interpreting faith not in terms of belief in propositions but in terms of living surrender to having been seized by agape for every Face, including one's own. Virtually all faith traditions, from Buddhism to Humanism to Wiccan, are rooted in agape and therefore share considerable spiritual and ethical common ground (a truth long veiled). In contrast to ethically feckless secular rationality--over which

a devastating, global social Darwinism currently runs roughshod--faith qua living surrender to agape grounds moral realism, awakens us to love for all creatures, and inspires struggles for justice. Inspired by the philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas and Christian spirituality, Greenway engages, on the one hand, intellectuals like Stanley Hauerwas, Richard Rorty, Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Jeffery Stout, Charles Taylor, and Bernard Williams, and, on the other, contemporary debates over consciousness, free will, evil, and metaethics. He details the character of secular rationality's devastating scission from moral reality and clarifies the promise of understanding faith and spirituality in terms of agape.

Missing Link Jul 22 2022 We look for missing links in the sciences and humanities, but the essential missing link - metaphor - is always in front of us. In *Missing Link*, Jeffery Donaldson unites literary criticism and evolutionary and cognitive science to show how metaphor has

been with us since the beginning of time as a seed in the nature of things. With examples from centuries of poets, critics, philosophers, and scientists, he details how metaphor is a chemistry, an exchange of energies forming and dissolving, and an openness in the spaces between things. He considers the ways in which DNA learns how to liken things that have been, how mutation makes errors and then tries them on, and how evolution is hypothesis - nature's way of "thinking more." The mind is a matrix of relations: neural synapses cascade into ever-changing pathways and patterns. Metaphor is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. It is the unbroken thread between matter and spirit. Whether offering analysis of a turn of phrase or chemical reaction, *Missing Link* presents a vision of literature that is also a vision of the cosmos, and vice versa. It enters the debate between evolution and religion, and challenges scientists, literary theorists, and religious advocates to rethink the

relations between their disciplines.

Von den Bakterien zu Bach - und zurück

May 20 2022 Was ist der menschliche Geist und wie ist er überhaupt möglich? Daniel Dennett ist der weltweit wohl bedeutendste Fürsprecher von Materialismus, Aufklärung und Wissenschaft. Seit über fünfzig Jahren wirbt und streitet er für seine Ansichten. Mit diesem Buch wagt er noch einmal einen Rundumschlag, eine Meistererzählung von den Ursprüngen des Lebens über die Geistesgrößen der Menschheit wie Johann Sebastian Bach, Marie Curie oder Pablo Picasso bis hin zur künstlichen Intelligenz. Dennett zeigt, wie eine vollkommen geistlose genetische und kulturelle Evolution es geschafft hat, zunächst die Einzeller, dann Pflanzen und Tiere sowie schließlich den Geist, die Kultur und das Bewusstsein hervorzubringen. Und er schießt dabei gewohnt scharf gegen Kreationisten, Antidarwinisten und alle anderen, denen ihr dogmatischer Schlummer wichtiger ist als die Wahrheit.

What's with Free Will? Oct 25 2022 Are humans free, or are we determined by our genes and the world around us? The question of freedom is not only one of philosophy's greatest conundrums, but also one of the most fundamental questions of human existence. It's particularly pressing in societies like ours, where our core institutions of law, ethics, and religion are built around the belief in individual freedom. Can one still affirm human freedom in an age of science? And if free will doesn't exist, does it make sense to act as though it does? These are the issues that are presented, probed, and debated in the following chapters. A dozen experts—specialists in medicine, psychology, ethics, theology, and philosophy—grapple with the multiple and often profound challenges presented by today's brain science. After examining the arguments against traditional notions of free will, several of the authors champion the idea of a chastened but robust free will for today, one that allows us still to affirm the value of first-person experience.

Distributed Cognition and the Will Nov 26
2022 Recent scientific findings about human decision making would seem to threaten the traditional concept of the individual conscious will. The will is threatened from "below" by the discovery that our apparently spontaneous actions are actually controlled and initiated from below the level of our conscious awareness, and from "above" by the recognition that we adapt our actions according to social dynamics of which we are seldom aware. In *Distributed Cognition and the Will*, leading philosophers and behavioral scientists consider how much, if anything, of the traditional concept of the individual conscious will survives these discoveries, and they assess the implications for our sense of freedom and responsibility. The contributors all take science seriously, and they are inspired by the idea that apparent threats to the cogency of the idea of will might instead become the basis of its reemergence as a scientific subject. They consider macro-scale

issues of society and culture, the micro-scale dynamics of the mind/brain, and connections between macro-scale and micro-scale phenomena in the self-guidance and self-regulation of personal behavior. Contributors: George Ainslie, Wayne Christensen, Andy Clark, Paul Sheldon Davies, Daniel C. Dennett, Lawrence A. Lengbeyer, Dan Lloyd, Philip Pettit, Don Ross, Tamler Sommers, Betsy Sparrow, Mariam Thalos, Jeffrey B. Vancouver, Daniel M. Wegner, Tadeusz W. Zawidzki. Don Ross is Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Finance, Economics, and Quantitative Methods at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Professor of Economics at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. David Spurrett is Professor of Philosophy at the Howard College Campus of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Harold Kincaid is Professor and Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Director of the Center for Ethics and Values in the Sciences at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. G.

Lynn Stephens is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Selfish Genes and Christian Ethics Sep 12 2021 The evolutionary origins of human beings, and in particular the origins of human morality, have always attracted debate and speculation, not just in the academic community but in popular science and the wider general population as well. The arguments and explanations put forward over the years seem to thoroughly catch the popular imagination, but there is the danger that these explanations tend to step outside the bounds of scientific theory and become powerful popular myths instead. In Neil Messer's "Selfish Genes and Christian Ethics", the author is challenging this tendency. Instead, he provides a Christian theological anthropology, which, among other things, aims to give Christians and the churches the confidence to engage with assumptions that evolutionary theory and religious beliefs are untenable. This is a valuable resource for anyone

engaged in the study of theology, providing the reader with the ability to consider both the theoretical and the practical questions raised by evolutionary discussions of ethics and morality.

Thinking Outside the Brain Box Jan 24 2020 Is it our brain that produces consciousness? Many people, including most scientists, hold such a belief, founded on a conception of the world that is purely materialistic. This worldview sees the brain as some kind of biological computer. However, modern research shows that our experiences -- especially in childhood and youth -- shape the circuits of our brain, and even stimulate the brain to grow. So to an extent, we shape our own brain just through being alive. And it is by means of our brain that we develop as a person and form our 'self', with all its associated significance and values. In this revealing study of brain, body and consciousness, Arie Bos examines the limitations of the materialist view to explain our human experience. He points to examples where

consciousness is not supported by the physical brain, or where consciousness appears to survive beyond death. Exploring the ideas of free will and responsibility, he rejects the view that only physical matter determines our thoughts and actions. In doing so, he opens a door to a wider spiritual reality.

Schwerpunktthema: Hermeneutik May 08 2021

Theory of World Security Aug 19 2019 What is real? What can we know? How might we act?

This book sets out to answer these fundamental philosophical questions in a radical and original theory of security for our times. Arguing that the concept of security in world politics has long been imprisoned by conservative thinking, Ken Booth explores security as a precious instrumental value which gives individuals and groups the opportunity to pursue the invention of humanity rather than live determined and diminished lives. Booth suggests that human society globally is facing a set of converging historical crises. He looks to critical social

theory and radical international theory to develop a comprehensive framework for understanding the historical challenges facing global business-as-usual and for planning to reconstruct a more cosmopolitan future. Theory of World Security is a challenge both to well-established ways of thinking about security and alternative approaches within critical security studies.

Unanzweifelbare Gewissheiten und offenkundige Absurditäten? Apr 19 2022 Die Grundeinsichten der von Markus Gabriel entwickelten Sinnfeldontologie sollen sich in kritischer Auseinandersetzung mit den Prämissen naturalistischer und kantianischer Philosophie ergeben haben. Gabriels Argumentationen und Polemiken beruhen jedoch ihrerseits auf Annahmen, die die Kritisierten als falsch verwerfen dürften. An die Stelle des Austauschs von Gründen und Gegengründen tritt so schnell totales wechselseitiges Unverständnis und die Verhöhnung des Gegners.

Was genau sind die ontologisch-metaphysischen und logisch-epistemologischen Voraussetzungen, die die Kommunikation zwischen den verschiedenen Philosophen hier scheitern lassen?

World History and the Eonic Effect Oct 13 2021 At a time when theories of evolution are undergoing renewed controversy, the study of the Eonic Effect can break the deadlock, by looking at world history in the light of 'evolution'. The assumption that evolution occurs at random is the crux of the dispute, and one confused with issues of religion and secularism. We can detect a non-random pattern in the record of civilization itself, to see 'evolution in action' on a stupendous scale. We live in the first generations with enough data to detect this phenomenon. In the confusion of evolutionary theories, the unexpected discovery of deep level structure can allow us to deconstruct 'fl at history', and assess claims of directionality in evolution. In the process the theory of natural

selection applied to human evolution is seen to fail a photo finish test. The book provides a new model for the study of the overlap of history and evolution, and a critique of current views of the descent of man.

Out of Chaos Aug 11 2021 Excerpt from Foreword, written by Stuart Ross Taylor: "Are we really the pinnacle of 4500 million years of evolution? Closely related to the aggressive chimpanzees, have we evolved enough to cope? The nightly news on television, that marvelous technical invention of scientists, no turned into a field too barren to be termed a wasteland, provides little hope that Homo sapiens is more than another of nature's failed experiments... "Will a more evolved species evolve in time? Wayne notes the extraordinary achievements of the Ashkenazi Jews, separated in European ghettos for centuries, whose descendants, now three percent of the US population, have garnered 27% of the Nobel Prizes awarded to that country. In their enforced isolation,

restricted to intellectually demanding occupations, did they evolve superior brains? Perhaps there are grounds for hope before the unrestricted growth in population; the elephant in the attic falls through the ceiling. Read this book. It tells us where we are, how we got there, and how we might escape disaster."

Hirn als Subjekt? Feb 05 2021 Während seit einiger Zeit im Feuilleton ein Kulturkampf zwischen Vertretern des "Gehirns" und des "Geistes" ausgefochten wird, haben führende Neurobiologen und Philosophen - unter Beteiligung einer Soziologin, eines Mathematikers und zweier Physiker - in der "Deutschen Zeitschrift für Philosophie" eine Sachdiskussion zu den Grenzfragen der Hirnforschung geführt. Neben der hier vorgelegten vollständigen Neuedition dieser Auseinandersetzung umfasst ca. ein Drittel des Bandes sämtliche Beiträge einer bisher unveröffentlichten Schlussrunde, die eine vorläufige Bilanz zieht, die strittig bleibt. Alle

Diskussionsteilnehmer sind sich in der Intention einig, dass weder der reduktive Naturalismus noch der ontologische Dualismus von Gehirn und Geist überzeugen können. Uneins bleiben aber nicht nur die Neurobiologen und Philosophen gegen einander, sondern auch die Philosophen und die Neurobiologen jeweils untereinander.

Der Dissens betrifft die Frage, wie ihre schwache Gemeinsamkeit methodologisch und geschichtlich, ontologisch und ontisch so durchgeführt werden kann, dass keine Selbstwidersprüche eintreten: Für die Erfüllung des eigenen Anliegens wird noch etwas Anderes in Anspruch genommen, als man selbst zugleich zu erklären vermag. Personale Lebewesen bzw. lebende Personen vollziehen sich anders, als dualistisch konzipiert werden kann.

Willensfreiheit Apr 07 2021 Das Buch verschafft einen Überblick über die jüngere Willensfreiheitsdebatte, wobei es auch die Konsequenzen der Hirnforschung für das Freiheitsproblem erörtert. Zudem entwickelt der

Autor eine eigene, fähigkeitsbasierte Konzeption der Willensfreiheit. Geert Keil argumentiert: Die wohlverstandene Fähigkeit, sich so oder anders zu entscheiden, ist mit den Befunden der empirischen Wissenschaften vereinbar, nicht hingegen mit der metaphysischen Lehre des Determinismus. Die überarbeitete Argumentation der neuen Auflage geht auf Einwände ein und berücksichtigt die neu erschienene Literatur.

From Big Bang to Big Mystery Jan 04 2021
Everyone knows about the 'mystery' of the Big Bang - what started it? This book is about the other 'creation mystery' - where did human beings, in particular, come from? It traces the material part of our origins from the Big Bang through evolution, including the almost 7 million year hominid sequence up to the first humans in Africa over 150,000 years ago. That data doesn't seem to explain what paleontologists and archaeologists call 'the Big Bang of Human Consciousness.' In his fascinating, accessible

and thorough study, renowned priest and academic Brendan Purcell shows the complementarity that scientists, theologians, and philosophers bring to a deeper understanding of the mystery of human existence and human consciousness.
Zukunftsperspektiven im theologisch-naturwissenschaftlichen Dialog Jun 09 2021
English summary: Our present-day world view is fundamentally influenced by natural science. Findings from all areas of scientific research are seriously challenging theological thought and attacking its core convictions: Is the concept of God the product of neuronal processes in the brain? Is religion solely to be regarded by its role in cultural evolution? Are there no warranted grounds to believe in the existence of free will? What if we are not alone in the universe? The future of academic theology depends greatly on the quality which she lays into her attempts to deal with the recognized as well as indeterminate consequences resulting

from scientific and technological progress. This volume ventures a glimpse into the future of scientific research so as to encourage theologians to sharpen awareness for upcoming challenges. It thus designs to set the landmarks for tomorrow's dialogue between science and theology. German text. German description: Das Weltbild unserer Zeit ist von den Naturwissenschaften geprägt. Sie stellen dringende Fragen, die den Kern theologischer Aussagen berühren: Stellt Gott lediglich eine vom Gehirn erzeugte Illusion dar? Sind Religionen rein innerweltlich als soziologische oder psychologische Phänomene erklärbar? Kann beim Menschen noch von echter Willensfreiheit gesprochen werden? Mit dem Band wird ein Blick in die Zukunft sowohl der naturwissenschaftlichen Entwicklung als auch des theologischen Umgangs mit den Ergebnissen der Naturwissenschaften unternommen.

Unser Verlangen nach Freiheit Oct 01 2020

Unser Verlangen nach Freiheit - und zwar nach unverkürzter Freiheit - kann es denn überhaupt erfüllt werden auch vor dem Hintergrund moderner und heute aktueller naturwissenschaftlich begründeter Auffassungen über die Welt? Unter verkürzter Freiheit, die wohlfeil zu haben ist, versteht der Autor das, was Kant in frechen Worten die "Freiheit eines Bratenwenders" genannt hat. Denn ein Bratenwender, so kompliziert (für Kants Verhältnisse) die maschinelle Erzeugung seiner Drehbewegung auch sein mag, kann nicht anders, als sich genau so zu drehen, wie die kausalen Zusammenhänge der Bratapparatur es vorsehen und herbeiführen. Ein freies Wesen - was wir verlangen zu sein - muß jedoch in jedem Gebrauch seiner Freiheit wirklich anders können, als es sich aus freien Stücken tatsächlich verhält. Doch was bedeutet diese Anforderung an die Freiheit genau? Wie verhält sie sich zur kausalen Bestimmtheit des natürlichen Universums? Auf welche

Qualifikationen unseres Verhaltens berufen wir uns, wenn wir nach unverkürzter Freiheit verlangen? Und wie sind solche Qualifikationen möglich, wenn und obwohl wir zugleich natürlich entstandene Wesen sind, zuhause in einem materiellen Universum? Das sind die Fragen, die in diesem Buch erörtert werden, um so unser mehrtausendjährig immer wieder neu brennendes Verlangen nach Freiheit auf eine rationale Weise auch heute noch stillen zu können.

The Human Instinct Feb 17 2022 From one of America's best-known biologists, a revolutionary new way of thinking about evolution that shows "why, in light of our origins, humans are still special" (Edward J. Larson, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Evolution*). Once we had a special place in the hierarchy of life on Earth—a place confirmed by the literature and traditions of every human tribe. But then the theory of evolution arrived to shake the tree of human understanding to its roots. To many of

the most passionate advocates for Darwin's theory, we are just one species among multitudes, no more significant than any other. Even our minds are not our own, they tell us, but living machines programmed for nothing but survival and reproduction. In *The Human Instinct*, Brown University biologist Kenneth R. Miller "confronts both lay and professional misconceptions about evolution" (Publishers Weekly, starred review), showing that while evolution explains how our bodies and brains were shaped, that heritage does not limit or predetermine human behavior. In fact, Miller argues in this "highly recommended" (Forbes) work that it is only thanks to evolution that we have the power to shape our destiny. Equal parts natural science and philosophy, *The Human Instinct* makes an "absorbing, lucid, and engaging...case that it was evolution that gave us our humanity" (Ursula Goodenough, professor of biology at Washington University in St. Louis). *Zwei verschiedene Kompatibilismen* Sep 24

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Freedom Evolves Dec 27 2022 Can there be freedom and free will in a deterministic world? Renowned philosopher Daniel Dennett emphatically answers “yes!” Using an array of provocative formulations, Dennett sets out to show how we alone among the animals have evolved minds that give us free will and morality. Weaving a richly detailed narrative, Dennett explains in a series of strikingly original arguments—drawing upon evolutionary biology, cognitive neuroscience, economics, and philosophy—that far from being an enemy of traditional explorations of freedom, morality, and meaning, the evolutionary perspective can be an indispensable ally. In *Freedom Evolves*, Dennett seeks to place ethics on the foundation it deserves: a realistic, naturalistic, potentially unified vision of our place in nature.

Versprochene Freiheit Mar 06 2021 Die vorliegende Arbeit nimmt die aktuelle Diskussion in Neurowissenschaften und

Philosophie zum Problem der Willensfreiheit auf und entwickelt eine theologisch-anthropologische Perspektive auf das Thema. Sie informiert klar gegliedert über unterschiedliche Positionen dieser interdisziplinären Debatte. Dabei erörtert sie die Hintergründe neurowissenschaftlicher Argumente und weist auf deren begriffliche und systematische Schwierigkeiten hin. Der Autor entwickelt unter Bezugnahme auf die neurowissenschaftliche Herausforderung in pointierter Weise einen philosophischen Begriff der Willensfreiheit. Er lehnt sich dabei an Robert Kane und den philosophischen Libertarismus an. Sodann wird im Ausgang von Luthers reformatorischen Hauptschriften ein theologisch-anthropologischer Freiheitsbegriff entfaltet. Sowohl das Problem des „versklavten Willens“ als auch die Freiheit eines Christenmenschen in ihren unterschiedlichen Aspekten beschreibt der Autor ausführlich und differenziert. Christliche Freiheit wird als

Phänomen des Lebens in der Zeit und in menschlichen Beziehungen beleuchtet. Analogien und Differenzen zu einem philosophischen Freiheitsbegriff und zu neurowissenschaftlichen Aspekten werden deutlich herausgestellt.

Handbuch Handlungstheorie Mar 18 2022 Was genau ist eine Handlung? Wie unterscheidet sie sich von bloßem Verhalten und von Ereignissen? Und wie lassen sich Handlungsgründe analysieren? Und welche Rolle spielt der Handlungsbegriff etwa in der Metaethik, der Normativen Ethik und der Angewandten Ethik? Das Handbuch präsentiert die historischen sowie systematischen Grundlagen der Handlungstheorie und spannt einen weiten Bogen bis hin zu Fragen der Verantwortlichkeit, der Willensfreiheit oder der personalen Autonomie. Ein Kapitel zur Angewandten Ethik sowie ein Ausblick auf interdisziplinäre Perspektiven (Recht, Psychologie, Soziologie, Neuro- und Kognitionswissenschaft etc.)

beschließen den Band.

Creation Apr 26 2020 Published in 1999. How can we reconcile assumptions about the lawfulness of the universe with provision for chance events? Do the 'laws of nature' indicate what absolutely must happen, or just what is most likely to happen? These are important questions for both science and theology, and are explored here in the first in-depth coverage of an important but neglected topic. Including perspectives from prestigious contributions, and published with the backing of the International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR), *Creation: Law and Probability* employs the disciplines of history and philosophy, as well as cosmology, evolutionary biology, and neuroscience in a fascinating dialogue of faith traditions.

Does Consciousness Cause Behavior? Jun 21 2022 Leading scholars continue the debate over whether consciousness causes behavior or plays no functional role in it, discussing the question

in terms of neuroscience, philosophy, law, and public policy. Our intuition tells us that we, our conscious selves, cause our own voluntary acts. Yet scientists have long questioned this; Thomas Huxley, for example, in 1874 compared mental events to a steam whistle that contributes nothing to the work of a locomotive. New experimental evidence (most notable, work by Benjamin Libet and Daniel Wegner) has brought the causal status of human behavior back to the forefront of intellectual discussion. This multidisciplinary collection advances the debate, approaching the question from a variety of perspectives. The contributors begin by examining recent research in neuroscience that suggests that consciousness does not cause behavior, offering the outline of an empirically based model that shows how the brain causes behavior and where consciousness might fit in. Other contributors address the philosophical presuppositions that may have informed the empirical studies, raising questions about what

can be legitimately concluded about the existence of free will from Libet's and Wegner's experimental results. Others examine the effect recent psychological and neuroscientific research could have on legal, social, and moral judgments of responsibility and blame -- in situations including A Clockwork Orange-like scenario of behavior correction. Contributors William P. Banks, Timothy Bayne, Sarah-Jayne Blakemore, Suparna Choudhury, Walter J. Freeman, Shaun Gallagher, Susan Hurley, Marc Jeannerod, Leonard V. Kaplan, Hakwan Lau, Sabine Maasen, Bertram F. Malle, Alfred R. Mele, Elisabeth Pacherie, Richard Passingham, Susan Pockett, Wolfgang Prinz, Peter W. Ross **Brainwashing** Dec 15 2021 Throughout history, humans have attempted to influence and control the thoughts of others. Since the word 'brainwashing' was coined in the aftermath of the Korean War, it has become part of the popular culture and been exploited to create sensational headlines. It has also been the

subject of learned discussion from many disciplines: including history, sociology, psychology, and psychotherapy. But until now, a crucial part of the debate has been missing: that of any serious reference to the science of the human brain. Descriptions of how opinions can be changed, whether by persuasion, deceit, or force, have been almost entirely psychological. In *Brainwashing*, Kathleen Taylor brought the worlds of neuroscience and social psychology together for the first time. In elegant and accessible prose, and with abundant use of anecdotes and case-studies, she examines the ethical problems involved in carrying out the required experiments on humans, the limitations of animal models, and the frightening implications of such research. She also explores the history of thought-control and shows how it persists all around us, from marketing and television, to politics and education. This edition includes a new preface from the author reflecting on the uses of brainwashing today,

including by the Islamic State. Oxford Landmark Science books are 'must-read' classics of modern science writing which have crystallized big ideas, and shaped the way we think.

How Physics Makes Us Free Nov 02 2020 In 1687 Isaac Newton ushered in a new scientific era in which laws of nature could be used to predict the movements of matter with almost perfect precision. Newton's physics also posed a profound challenge to our self-understanding, however, for the very same laws that keep airplanes in the air and rivers flowing downhill tell us that it is in principle possible to predict what each of us will do every second of our entire lives, given the early conditions of the universe. Can it really be that even while you toss and turn late at night in the throes of an important decision and it seems like the scales of fate hang in the balance, that your decision is a foregone conclusion? Can it really be that everything you have done and everything you ever will do is determined by facts that were in

place long before you were born? This problem is one of the staples of philosophical discussion. It is discussed by everyone from freshman in their first philosophy class, to theoretical physicists in bars after conferences. And yet there is no topic that remains more unsettling, and less well understood. If you want to get behind the façade, past the bare statement of determinism, and really try to understand what physics is telling us in its own terms, read this book. The problem of free will raises all kinds of questions. What does it mean to make a decision, and what does it mean to say that our actions are determined? What are laws of nature? What are causes? What sorts of things are we, when viewed through the lenses of physics, and how do we fit into the natural order? Ismael provides a deeply informed account of what physics tells us about ourselves. The result is a vision that is abstract, alien, illuminating, and—Ismael argues—affirmative of most of what we all believe about our own

freedom. Written in a jargon-free style, *How Physics Makes Us Free* provides an accessible and innovative take on a central question of human existence.

Introduction to the Theory of Soft Matter

Nov 21 2019 This book presents the theory of soft matter to students at the advanced undergraduate or beginning graduate level. It provides a basic introduction to theoretical physics as applied to soft matter, explaining the concepts of symmetry, broken symmetry, and order parameters; phases and phase transitions; mean-field theory; and the mathematics of variational calculus and tensors. It is written in an informal, conversational style, which is accessible to students from a diverse range of backgrounds. The book begins with a simple “toy model” to demonstrate the physical significance of free energy. It then introduces two standard theories of phase transitions—the Ising model for ferromagnetism and van der Waals theory of gases and liquids—and uses them to illustrate

principles of statistical mechanics. From those examples, it moves on to discuss order, disorder, and broken symmetry in many states of matter, and to explain the theoretical methods that are used to model the phenomena. It concludes with a chapter on liquid crystals, which brings together all of these physical and mathematical concepts. The book is accompanied online by a set of “interactive figures”—some allow readers to change parameters and see what happens to a graph, some allow readers to rotate a plot or other graphics in 3D, and some do both. These interactive figures help students to develop their intuition for the physical meaning of equations. This book will prepare advanced undergraduate or early graduate students to go into more advanced theoretical studies. It will also equip students going into experimental soft matter science to be fully conversant with the theoretical aspects and have effective collaborations with theorists.

New Perspectives on Pragmatism and Analytic

Philosophy. Mar 26 2020 The strong influence of pragmatism in the early 20th-century international debate, its subsequent and apparently inexorable decline, and its recent revival are intertwined with the fate of other currents of thought that have marked the development of contemporary philosophy. This volume clarifies the most recent events of this development focusing on key theoretical issues common both to American classic philosophical tradition and analytical thought. Many essays in this volume belong to what we can call “new” pragmatism, namely a pragmatist perspective that is different from the postmodernist “neo” pragmatism à la Rorty. The volume shows that both pragmatists and analytic thinkers stress the importance of logic and scientific method in order to deal with philosophical problems and seek for a clarification of the relation between our ethical values and our understanding of natural facts. Moreover, the anti-skeptical attitude that characterizes pragmatism as well as most

part of analytic philosophy, and their common attention to the problems of language and communication are emphasized. The more sophisticated tools for addressing both theoretical and methodological problems developed by analytic philosophy are pointed out, and the essays show the possible integration of these two forms of speculation that, for too a long time, mutually disregarded one another.

Die Frage nach der Freiheit Aug 23 2022

English summary: Science deeply challenges classical descriptions of the human person as free and as spirit. This survey of contemporary neuroscience and evolutionary biology explores why these challenges have arisen. At the same time it finds in the religious dimension of human existence powerful resources for speaking of the emergence of spirit and of a deeper sense of human freedom. German description: Erzwingen die Fortschritte der Neurowissenschaften die Verabschiedung oder die radikale Revision bisheriger fundamentaler philosophischer und

theologischer Überzeugungen in Bezug auf die Freiheit und die Verantwortlichkeit des Menschen? Implizieren diese Forschungsergebnisse einen strengen Determinismus, oder wäre darin eine Fehlinterpretation empirischer Daten zu sehen? Worin kann der Beitrag der modernen Theologie zu dieser Diskussion bestehen, sofern sie die affektive Grundlage des religiösen Glaubens thematisiert? Im Rahmen der ersten Staffel der Frankfurt Templeton Lectures zu dem Thema Beherrscht die Materie den Geist? Neurowissenschaften und Willensfreiheit hat Philip D. Clayton im Sommersemester 2006 sechs Vorlesungen gehalten, deren Manuskripte jetzt überarbeitet in Buchform vorliegen.

Willensfreiheit und Determinismus Jul 10 2021 Schließen Freiheit und Determinismus einander aus - oder tun sie das nicht? Viele Philosophen meinen, dass es auch in einer determinierten Welt einen freien Willen geben kann. Ob sie Recht haben, hängt u. a. davon ab,

was mit "freiem Willen" überhaupt gemeint ist. Geert Keil gibt einen Überblick über den Stand der Debatte, führt in die einschlägige Begrifflichkeit ein, diskutiert die wichtigsten Argumente und gibt prägnante Antworten auf die aufgeworfenen Fragen. Der Band wurde für diese zweite Auflage vollständig überarbeitet.

Der Glaube eines Glaubensunwilligen Aug 31 2020 Wider alle dogmatischen Weltanschauungen • Wie kann eine philosophische Lebensorientierung in unserer Zeit aussehen? • Warum sollten wir sie religiös geprägten Lebensentwürfen vorziehen? Die Zukunft gehört der Philosophie, nicht den Religionen oder säkularen Ideologien. Mit dieser grundlegenden Aussage stellt sich Michael Muraers Buch in die Tradition des aufklärerischen Denkens. Der Philosoph und Mediziner, der keine akzeptable Alternative zu

einer rationalen Debatte weltanschaulicher und moralischer Fragen sieht, ist sich bewußt, daß am Ende einer solchen Auseinandersetzung keine absoluten Wahrheiten, sondern gut begründbare Wertentscheidungen stehen, wie er sie hier thematisch breit gefächert vorstellt. "Der Glaube eines Glaubensunwilligen" balanciert ständig auf dem Grat zwischen systematischer philosophischer Abhandlung und persönlichem Bekenntnis und mißt sich dabei am aktuellen Stand des Denkens. Dieses Buch versucht, die philosophische Weltanschauungskritik unter Berücksichtigung des durch die moderne Wissenschaft erarbeiteten Weltbilds zusammenfassend wiederzugeben, gleichzeitig auf dieser Grundlage aber auch Orientierung und Lebenshilfe anzubieten.

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