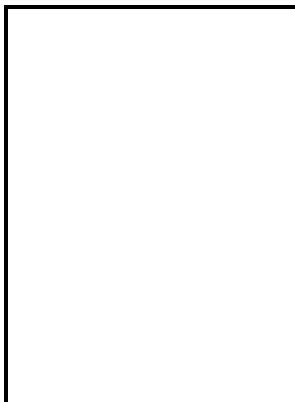


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Just as the is implies the ought, since humans are rational and productive by nature, they ought to think and produce for the sustenance and furtherance of their lives. Others, such as Hutcheson and Samuel Clarke, had very reluctantly conceded that morality and self-interest might conflict in this world.

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Such an entity would not be able to have any values; it would have nothing to gain or lose; it could not regard anything as for or against it, as serving or threatening its welfare, as fulfilling or frustrating its interests. This metaphysical perspective is known variously as metaphysical materialism, physicalism, and philosophical naturalism. While this brief explanation gives great room to her political and economic perspective, she did not view herself primarily as a capitalist.

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