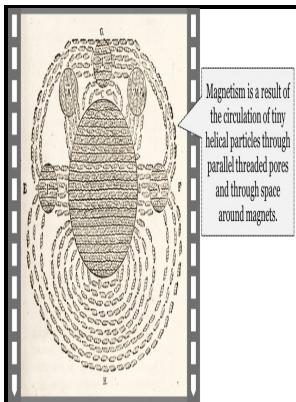


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If there is only one kind of substance, there is no need to explain how two different things interact.

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Specifically, Cartesians continued to expect intuitive truths for formal sciences, like logic and mathematics, and for identifying their general metaphysical principles. In his natural philosophy, he differed from the schools on two major points: first, he rejected the splitting of corporeal substance into matter and form; second, he rejected any appeal to final ends, divine or natural, in explaining natural phenomena. There is no need that I should here say more on this subject, since it has already received ample treatment in the metaphysical Meditations; and what follows will serve to explain it still more accurately.

Descartes' Physics (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

This is not intuitive to our way of thinking and our use of these words. One way in which a SH may satisfy a is by describing a situation where p is false, but this is not the only way.

Cartesianism

That error is a defect in our mode of acting, not in our nature; and that the faults of their subjects may be frequently attributed to other masters, but never to God. Finally, it is so manifest that we possess a free will, capable of giving or withholding its assent, that this truth must be reckoned among the first and most common notions which are born with us.

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As he argued in the Rules for the Direction of the Mind 1628 , pure mathematicians are only concerned with finding ratios and proportions, whereas natural philosophers are intent on understanding nature AT X 393—395.

Descartes's Principles: Physical Unities

While René Descartes 1596—1650 is well-known as one of the founders of modern philosophy, his influential role in the development of modern physics has been, until the later half of the twentieth century, generally under-appreciated and under-investigated by both historians and philosophers of science. That the second cause of our errors is that we cannot forget these prejudices. So here Descartes simply spells out the then-accepted definition of God as a being of all perfections: he is omnipotent or perfectly powerful, he is omniscient or perfectly knowing, he is omnibenevolent or perfectly good, and so on.

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But no conclusion deduced from a principle which is not clear can be evident, even although the deduction be formally valid; and hence it follows that no reasonings based on such principles could lead them to the certain knowledge of any one thing, nor consequently advance them one step in the search after wisdom. Nevertheless, his project can be sympathetically interpreted and reformed.

The Principles of Philosophy by Rene Descartes

All the interactions between the monads are mitigated phenomenally. With this epistemological view, Hume launched two attacks against Descartes.

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