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Leibniz was profoundly influenced by Spinoza's ideas but sought always to conceal his philosophical debt, and is on record as denouncing the philosopher.

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It is totally unhistorical: the idea of timeless truths about human beings seems suspect to me. Nonetheless, his logic was influenced by his approach to music. Spinoza's God was neither Jewish nor Christian.

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I am speaking about Benedict Spinoza. Thus, another important debt lies in the anti-dualistic and deterministic philosophy of mind that Herder presented, with explicit mention of Spinoza, in *On the Cognition and Sensation of the Human Soul* 1778, which is again heavily indebted to the Ethics.

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And how fitting it all is.

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As is well known, Herder's appropriation and modification of the metaphysical monism of Spinoza's in *God: Some Conversations* 1787 played a central role in generating the forms of neo-Spinozistic metaphysical monism that later dominated and. He now accepted, as he had not before, the fundamental egalitarian claim that the legitimacy of the state's power derives from the consent of the governed, a phrase that would prominently find its way into the Declaration.

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Until the middle of the eighteenth century it was de rigueur for every professor and cleric to prove his orthodoxy before taking office; and proving one's orthodoxy demanded denouncing Spinoza as a heretic. Every passion of the soul; every configuration of matter, however different and various, inhere in the same substance, and preserve in themselves their characters of distinction, without communicating them to that subject, in which they inhere.

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I always like reading Zhuangzi, but I only appreciate his diction and ignore his meaning. Locke, like , , and , is much more widely recognized than Spinoza in the United States as an influence upon the Enlightenment views of the American founders, but the more radical Spinoza's voice can be heard in both the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

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Yet this does not mean that it was a vague or meaningless usage. It would be impossible for any educated reader to avoid contact with Spinoza's ideas.

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