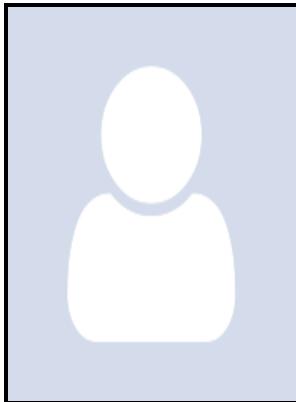


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Again, this is not to say that Catholic philosophers must invoke the articles of the faith in every such situation or even in most such situations; it is just to say that we should be prepared to do so when the time is ripe.

Metaphysics

PHILOSOPHY, THEOLOGY AND THE CURRICULUM I have argued that to draw St. He taught that the contrast and apparently irreconcilable contradiction between the verdict of the mind and the deliverance of the senses disappear if we determine the scientific conditions of true knowledge. We are now in a position to see how specifically the solid principles of philosophy strengthen morality.

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That is, successful philosophical inquiry presupposes a way of life that fosters rectitude of affection, where such rectitude is deemed essential for one's having a clear cognitive grasp of first principles, especially but not only moral first principles. Metaphysics is now the science which claims to know things in themselves, and as Kant sees it, all post-Cartesian metaphysics is wrong in its starting point. Unlike Leibniz, Wolff was much more willing to embrace the advances brought in the name of Newtonian natural philosophy on this, see the next section.

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This is a point worth emphasizing, even if dissidents have used it of late to cast doubt upon what ought not to be doubted. Starting from the idea of tawheed, Islamic philosophers have used rational deduction to work out all sorts of philosophical conclusions that continue to be debated around the world today. In connection with the latter, Wolff takes up the issue of freedom.

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Therefore, the necessary being is identified as God, understood as an independent being in which the reason for the actuality of the world and the

soul is found NT:I, §67, see Corr 1973.

Aristotle's First Principles

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Given this, Wolff contends, the soul must be distinct from body since such an act cannot be explained in terms of a change in figure, magnitude, or the location of parts, through which alone changes in body are possible. And according to Wolff, there are three basic classes of accidents: proper attributes, common attributes, and modes Ont.

Philip Neri Reese, O.P.

For Leibniz, some inclinations have confused sensible objects, such as the sweetness of fruit, the melody of a song, or the beauty of a painting. Followers of Christ pursue holiness by looking back and by looking forward. But the Bible adds three insights to this.

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