

Noetics

In philosophy, **noetics** is a branch of metaphysical philosophy concerned with the study of mind as well as intellect.

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In ancient Greek and medieval philosophy, noetic topics included the doctrine of the active intellect (Aristotle, Averroes)^[1] and the doctrine of the Divine Intellect (Plotinus).^[2]

Other uses

Since the 1970s and the foundation of the Institute of Noetic Sciences, the term "noetics" has been adopted by several authors such as Christian de Quincey in *Deep Spirit: Cracking the Noetic Code* (2008) and Dan Brown in *The Lost Symbol* (2009), who write about consciousness and spirituality

The Institute of Noetic Sciences describes **noetic sciences** as "how beliefs, thoughts, and intentions affect the physical world".

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