

# Newton Metaphysics Essays - Unlocking the Mind of a Genius

Isaac Newton, the renowned English mathematician, physicist, and astronomer, is often celebrated for his groundbreaking work in physics, but his contributions to metaphysics are equally profound and noteworthy. In this collection of essays, renowned philosopher Eric Schliesser delves into Newton's metaphysical investigations, offering us a glimpse into the mind of this intellectual giant.

## The Inner Workings of Newton's Mind

Newton's metaphysical inquiries were driven by a burning curiosity to unveil the fundamental nature of reality. He believed that true understanding could only be achieved by exploring both the material world and the abstract realm. By combining his scientific rigor with philosophical ponderings, Newton explored profound questions that continue to captivate scholars and thinkers to this day.

## The Unseen Forces: Gravity and God

Newton's most famous contribution to physics, the law of universal gravitation, also had intriguing metaphysical implications. As Schliesser demonstrates in his essays, Newton saw gravity as more than just a force governing celestial bodies. He believed it was a mechanism through which God perpetually sustained the universe. These metaphysical considerations shed new light on Newton's deep religiosity and his belief in a rational and orderly cosmos.

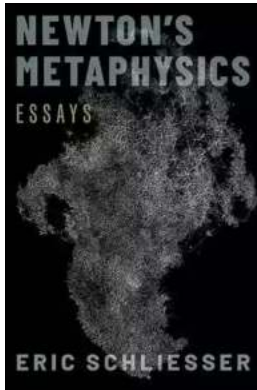
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## **Time, Space, and the Infinite**

In his quest to understand the nature of existence, Newton ventured into the realms of time, space, and infinity. His conceptualization of absolute space and time, as explored by Schliesser, challenged prevailing philosophical views and set the stage for future debates in metaphysics. Newton's theories on time and space not only revolutionized physics but also laid the groundwork for modern philosophical inquiries into the nature of reality.

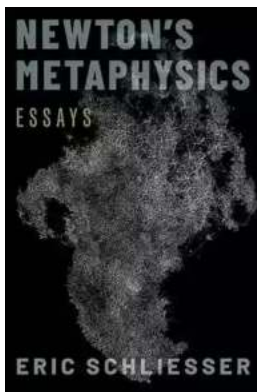
## **The Mind-Body Problem and Newton's Dualism**

Newton's metaphysical thought was deeply influenced by the mind-body problem, one of philosophy's most enduring puzzles. Through his essays, Schliesser highlights Newton's dualistic stance, which posits a fundamental distinction between the mind and the body. This dualism complicated Newton's understanding of the causal relationships between the physical and mental realms, leading to intriguing philosophical discussions on the nature of consciousness.

Newton's metaphysical inquiries provide us with a fascinating window into the mind of a genius. Through Eric Schliesser's collection of essays, readers gain a

deeper appreciation for the intellectual depth and philosophical insight that underpinned Newton's scientific breakthroughs. By exploring the metaphysical aspects of Newton's work, we gain a richer understanding of the interconnectedness and complexity of scientific and philosophical thought.

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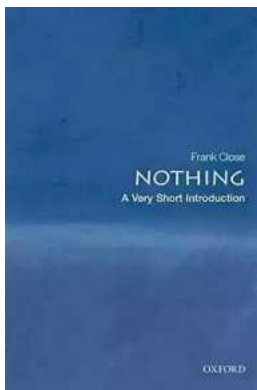
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In this collection of new and previously published essays, noted philosopher Eric Schliesser offers new interpretations of the significance of Isaac Newton's metaphysics on his physics and the subsequent development of philosophy more broadly. Schliesser addresses Newton's account of space, time, gravity, motion, inertia, and laws—all evergreens in the literature; he also breaks new ground in focusing on Newton's philosophy of time, Newton's views on emanation, and Newton's modal metaphysics.

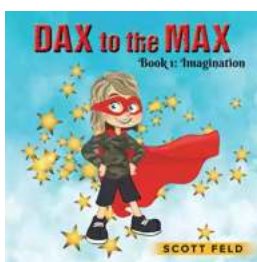
In particular, Schliesser explores the rich resonances between Newton's and Spinoza's metaphysics. Schliesser presents a new argument of the ways in which Newton and his circle respond to the treatment and accusations of Spinozism, illuminating both the details of Newton's metaphysics and the content of Spinoza's. Schliesser provides a fine-grained analysis of some of the key metaphysical concepts in Newton's physics, including controversial interpretations of Newton's ideas on space, time, inertia, and necessity. Schliesser restates his provocative interpretation of Newton's views on action at a distance as he was developing the Principia.

Newton's Metaphysics contains a substantive , two chapters co-authored with Zvi Biener and with Mary Domski, new chapters on Newton's modal metaphysics and his theology, and two postscripts in which Schliesser responds to some of his most important critics, including Katherine Brading, Andrew Janiak, Hylarie Kochiras, Steffen Ducheyne, and Adwait Parker. The collection presents new and varied analyses on familiar focuses of Newton's work, adding important perspectives to the recent revival of interest in Spinoza's metaphysics.



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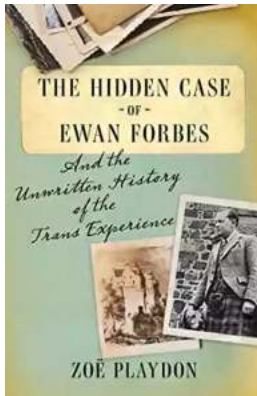
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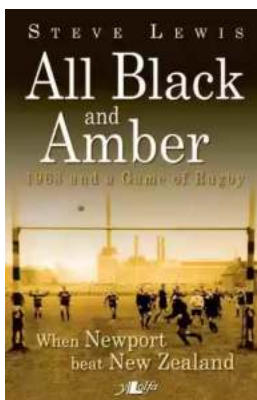
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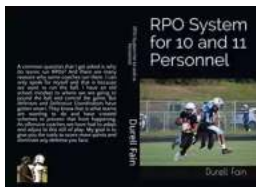
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