Hume's Critique of Religion: ‘Sick Men’s Dreams’

In this volume, authors Alan Bailey and Dan O’Brien examine the full import of David Hume’s arguments and the context of the society in which his work came to fruition. They analyze the nuanced nature of Hume’s philosophical discourse and provide an informed look into his position on the possible content and rational justification of religious belief. The authors first detail the pressures and forms of repression that confronted any 18th century thinker wishing to challenge publicly the truth of Christian theism.

Features
► Offers a distinctive interpretation of David Hume, a figure of considerable interest to today’s general educated public ► Features an overview of Hume’s writings on religion as well as detailed analysis of his relevant texts ► Carefully examines the inter-relationships between Hume’s various works that discuss religion

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Fields of interest
Philosophy of Religion; Epistemology; Modern Philosophy

Target groups
Research

Discount group
Professional Non-Medical

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In Pursuit of Nanoethics
Transatlantic Reflections on Nanotechnology

Features
► Global governance focus (including authors from a number of global organisations) ► Exploration of the nanotechnology-biotechnology convergence ► Transatlantic perspective (deliberate inclusion of global perspectives from US, Europe and developing world).

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Fields of interest
Ethics; Law; University; Nanotechnology

Target groups
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Ethics or Moral Philosophy

This volume examines a variety of philosophical approaches that seek to formulate practical guidelines or norms for human actions and behavior in different areas of society, including politics, cultural traditions, the environment, business management, architecture, and medicine. Written by a team of international authors, this volume features thirteen surveys.

Features
► Considers the idea of a universal system of ethics ► Includes coverage of a new type of ethics called Eco-ethics ► Scrutinizes the relationship between ethics and cultural tradition

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Fields of interest
Ethics; Political Theory

Target groups
Research

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Philosophy

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Fields of interest
Epistemology; Philosophy of Science; Philosophy of the Social Sciences

Target groups
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**Fields of interest**

- Non-Western Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Philosophy of Religion

**Target groups**

- Research

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- Professional Non-Medical

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**Values of Our Times**

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**Field of interest**

- Philosophy (general)

**Target groups**

- Research

**Discount group**

- Professional Non-Medical

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**Quṭb al-Dīn Shīrāzī and the Configuration of the Heavens**

A Comparison of Texts and Models

As a leading scientist of the 13th century C. E. Quṭb al-Dīn Shīrāzī wrote three substantial works on hay’a (or the configuration of the celestial orbs): Nihāyat al-irdāk fī dirāyat al-āflāk (“The Limits of Attainment in the Understanding of the Heavens”), al-Tūfā‘ al-shāhīya fī ‘ilm al-hay’a (“The Royal Offering Regarding the Knowledge of the Configuration of the Heavens”), and Ikhtiyārāt-i Mu‘affari (“The Mu‘affari Elections”). Completed in less than four years and written in two of the classical languages of the Islamic world, Arabic and Persian, these works provide a fascinating window to the astronomical research carried out in Ilkhanid Persia. Shīrāzī and his colleagues were driven by their desire to rid Ptolemaic astronomy from its perceived shortcomings.

**Features**

- This study clarifies the relationship between three well-known but little studied medieval works on astronomy
- Provides a detailed biography of Quṭb al-Dīn Shīrāzī, a leading scientist of his era
- Sheds light on the nature of the patronage of the sciences in Ilkhanid Persia

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**Fields of interest**

- Philosophy of Science
- History of Science
- Non-Western Philosophy

**Target groups**

- Research
E. Potter, Mills College, Oakland, CA, USA. (Ed)

**The Feminist Philosophy Collection**

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**Features**

- Contains newly written essays that apply philosophical methods and approaches to feminist concerns
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**Fields of interest**

- Philosophy (general); History of Philosophy
- Philosophy of Religion

**Target groups**

Research

**Discount group**

Professional Non-Medical

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**Legal Scholarship as a Source of Law**

This book is about the use of legal scholarship by judges. It discusses the possibility that legal scholarship may function as a genuine source of law in modern municipal legal systems. The book advances a number of claims, some conceptual, some empirical, some normative. The major conceptual claims are found in Chapters 2 and 3, where a general account of the notion of a source of law is provided. Roughly, sources of law are documents or practices (e.g. statutes, judicial decisions, official customs) from which norms can be derived that function as sources of content-independent reasons for judges to decide legal cases one way or another. The relevant notion of content-independence is derived (with qualifications) from H.L.A. Hart’s jurisprudence.

**Features**

- Deals with conceptual, empirical and normative questions about the use of legal scholarship by judges
- Adopts a Hartian philosophical perspective and, in so doing, attempts to illustrate the usefulness of the Hartian framework for the purpose of analyzing specific aspects of judicial practice
- Draws from the experience of different jurisdictions in an attempt to be relevant to an international audience

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**Fields of interest**

- Philosophy of Law; Theories of Law, Philosophy of Law

**Target groups**

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**Discount group**

Professional Non-Medical

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**Dao Companion to Classical Confucian Philosophy**

**Contents**


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