

# What Were you Thinking - 1600s - part3

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## Framework

Humans, Groups

## Population

Humans, Groups, Individuals

## Questions

- Why Think?
- What is Thinking?
- How do I know if I understand things?

## Initial Conditions

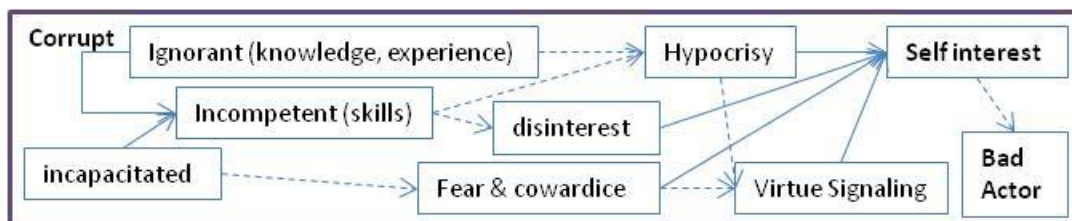
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## Self reference

Individual, Group

## Preamble

See **Corruption – Measurement and Implementation** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Corruption-Measurement-and-Implementation.pdf>



USA, UK, NZ, Australia are currently dominated by Bad Actors. This is slightly different to Muslim dominated countries, China, Russia, North Korea and others who are mainly dominated by pig-ignorant Tribalists who are too stupid to know how stupid they are. For example China and Russia have appointed themselves dictators for life and kill anyone who disagrees with them in the same way Muslim countries do - including assassinating people in embassies, cutting up their bodies and carrying them away in suitcases as if it is a secret. This tribal violence and pig-ignorance is not a secret - it is plain for all to see.

Australian politicians - Greens/Labour, media (ABC) and anywhere where there are “Causists” (Universities, schools, courts, etc) are fully corrupt - i.e. they have all the features of the corruption model - ignorance, hypocrisy, incompetence, fear and cowardice, virtue signaling, entirely dominated by self interest and Bad Actors - nepotism, tribalism, waste, corruption, lies, etc. In every sense of the word - they are fully corrupt.

Maybe they could read more? Maybe **Thomas Hobbes** - De Cive? <http://www.public-library.uk/ebooks/27/57.pdf>

Toleration of corruption, tribalism and pig-ignorance on small scales can be done in the hope that people will learn and develop out of their corrupt state but the larger the scale - up to large companies or national structures - then the **more important it is** to stamp out corruption. What we have now in Australia is rampant widespread entrenched corruption at the National and State levels in major institutions with no sign of anyone changing or learning anything. Even worse the corrupt are becoming more corrupt and totalitarian clamping down on people who question, debate or criticize and organizing witch hunts and whipping up the mob to personally attack those who dare to stand up to their entrenched corruption e.g. ABC and Australian Senate attacks on Bettina Arndt and many others. Victorian Police shoot rubber bullets at people in the streets for daring to question yet Police take the Knee to Women, Blacks and Muslims who foment tribal violence.

Everything the Greens/Labour politicians - do or say is corrupt - none of them ever plan to tell the truth about anything or act in Australia’s best interest - in fact they do everything they can to

bankrupt, destroy and reduce the Nation of Australia to tribal enclaves - mainly for their elite partners, the unions, blacks, women and themselves.

Murray Watt, Jim Chalmers, Tanya Plibersek, Penny Wong, Katy Gallagher, Andrew Leigh, Andrew Barr, Mark Dreyfuss, Anthony Albanese, Chris Bowen and the rest - all pig ignorant Tribalists who never plan to tell the truth or act in a non-corrupt way. They do not educate themselves, engage in debate or seek to overcome their incompetence and corruption.

In the 1600s many people were seeking to overcome their corruptions and incompetence. They were awake to themselves and to the world - what was going on around them. But these people - as always - are a very small number of people compared to the binary extremists and tribal types - women, Blacks, religious zealots, binary extremists, causists, weak minded men playing Hero in the Drama triangle. The idea of balance of power was being developed in the hope that at least one part of the Nation's powers would be awake and aware of the corruption in other parts of the power structures and be able to influence the debate and balance out the corruption before it overwhelmed the Nation. This relies on individuals emerging out of the corruption to take it on but this can be a problem if people become complacent or Fat, Dumb and Lazy and easily corrupted by taxpayer funded handouts or become part of the corruption themselves.

Underneath all this is the Women, Black, Binary Zealots, Religious Binary Tribal types zealots playing the entitled victim narrative and seeking weak minded men to play hero to their binary causes in the drama triangle of Victim, Hero and Perpetrator (The Religious types call this "God/Devil" - with themselves as victims). Grifters (Laywer, Judges, Accountants, "experts", publicly funded "agencies") all profit from the entitled victim narrative lead by Women, Blacks, Binary Zealots (tribal binary extremists) and keep the whole corrupt industry sucking the life out of the nation and putting everyone - but them - further into debt. Politicians parade their lies and corruption on a daily basis (in the corrupt media ABC, Guardian, etc) while the nation continues to be destroyed.

## Introduction

The early to mid 1600s featured a growth in practical intellectualism and learning and some of the greatest minds we know of in human history. Religious Dogma and persecution was still rampant - people believed in Witches (and many still do) yet many decent men were exploring, writing and sharing ideas on how to address the problems of medicine, politics, government, parliaments, kings, diplomacy, maths, education, sanitation, health, trade, taxes, law, jurisprudence and debate. Europe was still in turmoil but there were Companies of men and women exploring the world and setting up Trade empires, Colonies, Settlements and Societies and Networks of men and women communicating in Salons, Coffee houses, settlements, through universities, letters and debates. The ideas of "Nation" and "Commonwealth" rather than "Kingdom" was growing in many places in Europe (other than France - the "Sun King", Spain and the Muslim countries). Intellectuals were invited to help write constitutions and Laws for colonies in North America.

Here is a list of some of the people who I think are significant - all of them were surrounded and made contact with many unnamed decent people and who were well aware of the works of people who had come before them. Readers, thinkers, explorers and writers.

**Marin Mersenne** - Lifespan[1588 to 1648] Born\_Loc(Oize, Maine (now Sarthe), France) Rank(1)  
Keyword(Science, Maths, Harmonics, Music, Debate, Correspondence, Religion), Wikidata(Q188663)

**Thomas Hobbes** - Lifespan[1588 to 1679] Rank(1) Keyword(Philosophy, Politics, Social Contract, Taxonomy , Political Science), Wikidata(Q37621)

**John Amos Comenius** - Lifespan[1592 to 1670] Born\_Loc(Nivnice, Moravia, Crown of Bohemia) Rank(80) Keyword(Universal Education, Philosophy, Religion), Wikidata(Q12735)

**Rene Descartes** - Lifespan[1596 to 1650] Born\_Loc(La Haye en Touraine, Touraine, Kingdom of France (now Descartes, Indre-et-Loire)) Rank(1) Keyword(Philosophy, Math, Exponents, Science, Geometry , Algebra), Wikidata(Q9191)

**Samuel Hartlib** - Lifespan[1600 to 1662] Born\_Loc(Elblag (Elbing), Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth) Rank(10) Keyword(Debate, Correspondence, Science, Medicine, Politics, Education, Networking, Intelligencing), Wikidata(Q71033)

**Henri Louis Habert de Montmor** - Lifespan[1600 to 1679] Born\_Loc(Paris, France) Rank(50)  
Keyword(Poetry, Humanism, Debate, Philsophy, Science, Maths, Astronomy, Letters, Salon), Wikidata(Q3131513)

**Pierre de Fermat** - Lifespan[1601 to 1665] Born\_Loc(Beaumont-de-Lomagne, France) Rank(20)  
Keyword(Maths), Wikidata(Q75655)

**Gilles Personier de Roberval /Gilles Personne de Roberval** - Lifespan[1602 to 1675] Born\_Loc(Noel-Saint-Martin, Villeneuve-sur-Verberie near Roberval near Beauvais, France) Rank(70)  
Keyword(Maths, Education, Calculus), Wikidata(Q382016)

**Athanasius Kircher** - Lifespan[1602 to 1680] Born\_Loc(Geisa, Buchonia, Germany) Rank(10)  
Keyword(Religion, Geology, Translator, China, Egypt, Microbiology, medicine, history, physics, astronomy, math, music), Wikidata(Q76738)

**Abel Janszoon Tasman** - Lifespan[1603 to 1659] Born\_Loc(Lutjegast, Dutch Republic) Rank(60)  
Keyword(Explorer, Sailor, Mariner, Dutch), Wikidata(Q42188)

**Johann Rudolf Glauber** - Lifespan[1604 to 1670] Born\_Loc(Karlstadt am Main, Germany) Rank(30)  
Keyword(Chemistry, Chemical Engineer, Wine, Medecine, Apothecary, inorganic chemistry ), Wikidata(Q57330)

**Thomas Browne** - Lifespan[1605 to 1682] Born\_Loc(Cheapside,London, England) Rank(30)  
Keyword(Medicine, Science, Religion, Polymath), Wikidata(Q313925)

**Jean-Baptiste Tavernier** - Lifespan[1605 to 1689] Born\_Loc(Paris) Rank(40) Keyword(Merchant, Trader, Explorer, Anthropologist), Wikidata(Q145030)

**Rembrandt/Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn** - Lifespan[1606 to 1669] Born\_Loc(Leiden, Dutch Republic) Rank(60) Keyword(Artist, Painter, Printmaker), Wikidata(Q5598)

**Evangelista Torricelli** - Lifespan[1608 to 1647] Born\_Loc(Rome, Papal States) Rank(50)  
Keyword(Science, Maths, Hydrology, Physics, Optics, Barometer, Indivisibles), Wikidata(Q102490)

**John Milton** - Lifespan[1608 to 1674] Born\_Loc(Bread Street, London, England) Rank(1)  
Keyword(Humanism, Tolerance, Free Speech, Public Service, Freedom of Expression, Governance),  
Wikidata(Q79759)

**Giovanni Alfonso Borelli** - Lifespan[1608 to 1679] Born\_Loc(Castel Nuovo region,Naples Italy)  
Rank(40) Keyword(Biomechanics, Physics, Muscular Movement, Blood Circulation, Maths,  
Astronomy), Wikidata(Q311814)

**James Harrington** - Lifespan[1611 to 1677] Born\_Loc(Upton, Northamptonshire, England) Rank(20)  
Keyword(Politics, Utopia), Wikidata(Q969183)

**Johannes Hevelius** - Lifespan[1611 to 1687] Born\_Loc(Gdansk (Danzig), Polish–Lithuanian  
Commonwealth) Rank(80) Keyword(Civil Servant, Beer Brewer, Astronomy, Telescope Maker, Moon,  
Lunar Surface, Comets), Wikidata(Q57963)

**William Gascoigne** - Lifespan[1612 to 1644] Born\_Loc(Middleton, Leeds ) Rank(80)  
Keyword(Astronomy, Engineering, Instruments, Telescope, Inventor, Sights), Wikidata(Q1090266)

**Antoine Arnauld** - Lifespan[1612 to 1694] Born\_Loc(Paris, Kingdom of France) Rank(70)  
Keyword(Religion, Jansenism, Free Will, Logic, Thinking, Philosophy), Wikidata(Q353887)

**Henry Vane the Younger**/Henry Vane - Lifespan[1613 to 1662] Born\_Loc(Raby Castle, Durham,  
England) Rank(20) Keyword(Politics, Reform, Freedom of Religion, Separation of Church and State,  
Parliamentarian, Humanism, Victim), Wikidata(Q1424943)

**Francois de La Rochefoucauld** - Lifespan[1613 to 1680] Born\_Loc(Rue des Petits Champs, in Paris's  
1st arrondissement neighborhood, Paris, Kingdom of France) Rank(20) Keyword(Tale, Philosophy,  
Humanism), Wikidata(Q273708)

**John Lilburne** - Lifespan[1614 to 1657] Born\_Loc(Greenwich London or Sunderland?, County  
Durham, England) Rank(20) Keyword(Democracy, Separation of Church and State, Liberty,  
Freedoms, Free Born, Politics, Rule of Law, Citizen, Nation, Due Process, Pamphleteer, Critic,  
Humanism), Wikidata(Q714416)

**John Wilkins** - Lifespan[1614 to 1672] Born\_Loc(Fawsley, Northamptonshire) Rank(60)  
Keyword(Philosophy, Tolarence, Debate, Maths), Wikidata(Q381039)

**Katherine Jones Viscountess Ranelagh**/Katherine Jones - Lifespan[1615 to 1691] Born\_Loc(New  
College House on Emmet Street in Youghal, Ireland) Rank(80) Keyword(Philosophy, Science, Debate),  
Wikidata(Q6376433)

**John Wallis** - Lifespan[1616 to 1703] Born\_Loc(Ashford, Kent, UK) Rank(10) Keyword(Religion, Math,  
Infinity, Calculus, Philosophy, Cryptography), Wikidata(Q208359)

**Jeremiah Horrocks** - Lifespan[1618 to 1641] Born\_Loc(Lower Lodge, Otterspool, Toxteth Park,  
Liverpool, Lancashire, England) Rank(40) Keyword(Watchmaking, Astronomy, Maths, Gravity),  
Wikidata(Q354631)

**Francesco Maria Grimaldi** - Lifespan[1618 to 1663] Born\_Loc(Bologna, Italy) Rank(50)  
Keyword(Astronomy, Light, Optics, Maths, Science, Physics), Wikidata(Q315411)

**Henry Oldenburg** - Lifespan[1618 to 1677] Born\_Loc(Bremen, Germany) Rank(80)  
Keyword(Scientific Review, Debate, Philosophy, Theology, Diplomacy, Intelligencer),  
Wikidata(Q700422)

**Pieter de La Court van der Voort/Pieter de la Court** - Lifespan[1618 to 1685] Born\_Loc(Leiden,  
Dutch Republic) Rank(80) Keyword(Republic, Politics, Trade, History, Economics),  
Wikidata(Q1960743)

**Aurangzeb/Muhi al-Din Muhammad** - Lifespan[1618 to 1707] Born\_Loc(Dahod, Gujarat Subah,  
Mughal Empire) Rank(80) Keyword(Emperor, King), Wikidata(Q485547)

**Jean-Baptiste Colbert** - Lifespan[1619 to 1683] Born\_Loc(Reims, France) Rank(80)  
Keyword(Economics, Finance, Accounting, Tax, Tariffs, Reform, Politician, Trade, Statesman,  
Industry, National Navy), Wikidata(Q188971)

**John Graunt** - Lifespan[1620 to 1674] Born\_Loc(London) Rank(60) Keyword(Demography, Maths,  
Statistics, Epidemiology, Life Tables), Wikidata(Q454938)

**Nicolaas Heinsius the Elder** - Lifespan[1620 to 1681] Born\_Loc(Leiden, the Netherlands ) Rank(60)  
Keyword(Librarian, Book Collector, Critical thinker, Reader), Wikidata(Q510116)

**Henry Neville** - Lifespan[1620 to 1694] Born\_Loc(Billingbear House at Waltham St Lawrence in  
Berkshire) Rank(80) Keyword(Utopia, Governance, Politics, Satire), Wikidata(Q1238565)

**John Evelyn** - Lifespan[1620 to 1706] Born\_Loc(Wooten House, Wotton, Surrey, England) Rank(40)  
Keyword(History, Gardening, Diarist, Collector, Librarian, Traveler, Humanism), Wikidata(Q342712)

**Dutch West India Company** - Lifespan[1621 to 1792] Born\_Loc(Amsterdam, Dutch Republic )  
Rank(80) Keyword(Trade, Merchants, Exploration, Settlement, Colonization), Wikidata(Q617066)

**Moliere/Jean-Baptiste Poquelin** - Lifespan[1622 to 1673] Born\_Loc(96 Rue Saint-Honore, Paris,  
Kingdom of France) Rank(60) Keyword(Drama, Comedy, Playwright, Actor), Wikidata(Q687)

**Blaise Pascal** - Lifespan[1623 to 1662] Born\_Loc(Clermont-Ferrand, Auvergne, France) Rank(1)  
Keyword(Science, Philosophy, Maths, Calculator, Probability, Physics, Hydrology), Wikidata(Q1290)

**Algernon Sidney** - Lifespan[1623 to 1683] Born\_Loc(Baynard's Castle, London, England) Rank(50)  
Keyword(Politics, Philosophy, Governments, Democracy), Wikidata(Q1034181)

**William Petty** - Lifespan[1623 to 1687] Born\_Loc(Romsey, Hampshire, England) Rank(20)  
Keyword(Economics, Statistics, Nation, Science, Merchant, Politics, Anatomy, Chemistry, Inventor,  
Music), Wikidata(Q278699)

**Giovanni Domenico Cassini** - Lifespan[1625 to 1712] Born\_Loc(Perinaldo, Republic of Genova)  
Rank(20) Keyword(Maths, Hydraulic Engineer, Astronomy, Science, Saturn), Wikidata(Q14279)

**John Aubrey** - Lifespan[1626 to 1697] Born\_Loc(Easton Piers or Percy, near Kington St Michael, Wiltshire) Rank(80) Keyword(History, Biographer, Archeology, Antiquity, Folklore), Wikidata(Q356317)

**Robert Boyle** - Lifespan[1627 to 1691] Born\_Loc(Lismore Castle, Lismore, County Waterford, Ireland) Rank(40) Keyword(Chemistry, Science, Vacuum), Wikidata(Q43393)

**Charles Perrault** - Lifespan[1628 to 1703] Born\_Loc(Paris, France) Rank(70) Keyword(Tale, Fairy Tale), Wikidata(Q128460)

**Christiaan Huygens** - Lifespan[1629 to 1695] Born\_Loc(The Hague, Dutch Republic) Rank(10) Keyword(Science, Maths, Astronomy, Engineer, Physics, Optics, Inventor, Clocks), Wikidata(Q39599)

**John III Sobieski/John/Jan Sobieski/Sobieskis/Sobiscius** - Lifespan[1629 to 1696] Born\_Loc(Olesko Castle, Olesko, Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth) Rank(80) Keyword(Warrior, King, Politics), Wikidata(Q53454)

**Isaac Barrow** - Lifespan[1630 to 1677] Born\_Loc(London , England) Rank(80) Keyword(Maths, Geometry, Philosophy, Education, Calculus, Religion), Wikidata(Q207718)

**John Dryden** - Lifespan[1631 to 1700] Born\_Loc(Aldwincle, Northamptonshire, England) Rank(80) Keyword(Poet, Humanist, Critic, Philosopher, Playwright), Wikidata(Q213355)

**Jan Vermeer/Johannes Vermeer** - Lifespan[1632 to 1675] Born\_Loc(Delft, County of Holland, Dutch Republic) Rank(80) Keyword(Artist, Painting, Art Dealer), Wikidata(Q41264)

**Baruch Spinoza**, Benedict de Spinoza/Baruch Spinoza - Lifespan[1632 to 1677] Born\_Loc(Amsterdam, Dutch Republic ) Rank(1) Keyword(Philosophy, Jew, Humanism, Rational thinking, Cognition, Ethics, Natural Sciences, Separation of Church and State), Wikidata(Q35802)

**John Locke** - Lifespan[1632 to 1704] Born\_Loc(Wrington, Somerset, England) Rank(1) Keyword(Philosophy, Medicine, Physician, Political Theory, Social Contract, Liberty, Education, Happiness), Wikidata(Q9353)

## **Tolerance turns into Mandated Celebration and Deification**

Blessed are the Hamster fuckers. Toleration of individual personal difference became “Multi - culturalism” as dogmatically defined. All Cultures welcome - groupthink and group identity is what is valued. A minister for “multi culturalism” has to be Black or Italian or Muslim. Then we Get ministers and departments for Blacks, Woman and Muslims - all mandated with “Human Rights”. Then everyone must take the knee to women, Blacks, Gays and Muslims and celebrate “diversity” every day and for weeks with Black’s Week, Women’s week, Muslim Week. Media stations and channels for Women, Blacks, Muslims and Others Cultures (non-white men or west). Then Blacks, Women, Muslims and Gays get all public service jobs and employ and support people from their tribe as mandated by the human rights legislation - we must discriminate in favour of Blacks, Women, Mulsims and Gays - with Police, Courts, Schools, Universities, public service jobs, University grants, Public service money, Charities, Free housing for women and Muslims, Free citizenship for Muslims, Isis brides and Blacks, more money for women, blacks, muslims. Then White men are

excluded from society in family law, public service, universities, schools and demonized by media (ABC), politicians and the courts. Then White men and society are attacked on a daily basis by Women, Blacks, Gays, Muslims, Greens activists, tribal causers. Then all groups form into tribes and white men are labeled - "far right extremists" for daring to stand up, not take the knee to and demonstrate against being constantly denigrated by women, Blacks, Muslims, Greens and tribal extremists.

Women, Blacks, Muslims, Greens, binaries and other tribal groupthink extremists - on average - binary violent extremists - extremely dim-witted and uneducated..

See

**Equality – Diversity – Measurement – Notice** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Equality-Diversity-Measurement-Notice.pdf>

**Equality Diversity Proportion Value Trust** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Equality-Diversity-Proportion-Value-Trust.pdf>

**Why Not A Humanist Manifesto** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Why-Not-A-Humanist-Manifesto.pdf>

**Time to Wake up Not Woke Up** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Time-to-Wake-Up-not-Woke-Up.pdf>

***"Don't for a moment think that the brutality you are starting to notice around the place is a recent phenomenon. 70 years of entrenched corruption – slowly builds up. No consequences for liars and abusers. Mob mentality and smug self-righteous vigilantism. #Me always"***

**I Like Chefs but I Hate Some Food** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/I-Like-Chefs-but-I-Hate-Some-Food.pdf>

Aborigines value the Aboriginal Flag and trash the Australian flag.

Muslims value the Isis flag and the Palestinian flag and trash the Jewish Flag and Australian Flag.

Gays, Lesbians and Tribalists value the Gay Flag and trash the Australian flag.

Women value the Feminist flag and trash the Australian Flag and white men and boys.

The Nation is destroyed by tribal extremists and their narcissist tyrannical corrupt tribal leaders - Anthony Albanese, Chris Bowen, Penny Wong, Tanya Plibersek, Ed Husic, Anne Ely, Katy Gallagher, Mark Dreyfuss, Mark Butler, Andrew Barr, Andrew Leigh - NZ, UK, USA Woman, Blacks and weak minded men playing heroes in the "Drama Triangle"

The Blacks are most proud of their "Culture" of pig-ignorance and cannibalism.

The Muslims are most proud of their "Culture" of Binary certainty, pig-ignorance, violence and a world domination nihilistic death cult.



The Women are most proud of their “Culture” of vitriol, hatred, tribalism, entitled victimhood, blackmail, lies, violence and common scold.

The Gays, Trans, Hamster Fuckers, etc are most proud of their “Culture” of sexualization of children, obsession with Sex and entitled victimhood groupthink.

The Tribal Heroes and United Nations are most proud of their “Culture” of Heroic Tribalism, Groupthink, incoherence, Lack of debate, Violence, Crime and Corruption for the tribe.

See how ‘Multi-Cultural’ we are? Blessed are the Hamster Fuckers.

## Labour’s Tax Cuts - Trashing Parliament by Tyrannical Psychopaths

Queensland has no upper house of review so the premier of Queensland is effectively like a Tyrannical Dictator - very much like Andrew Barr in Canberra. The idea of government being an interplay of debate and balance of powers is reduced to the narcissistic tyrant. All around Australia Labour Party members promote on their websites and buildings “Labour’s Tax Cuts”. Not only that - but Anthony Albanese spends millions of dollars advertising Labour’s Tax Cuts

<https://ministers.treasury.gov.au/ministers/jim-chalmers-2022/media-releases/albanese-governments-cost-living-tax-cuts-roll-out-july> *“Our tax cuts are good for middle Australia, good for women, good for helping with cost-of-living pressures, good for labour supply and good for the economy. “**Labour’s tax cuts** are not the beginning of our actions on cost of living – and they will not be the end. “They fit together with everything we are doing to build a stronger economy across the board.”*

Parliament is debased - the idea of debate is debased - the balance of powers is debased and tribal binary tyrants use government money to advertise their tribalism. This is happening all over Australia where Taxpayer funds are used to virtue signal for the binary tribe and buy votes - corruption and nepotism is now fully entrenched.

Rather than say “Parliament has approved Tax cuts - based on the arguments we could present” - instead they say - *We managed to **bully and bribe the cross bench** to get **our tribe’s** tax cuts through.* i.e. they remain in a fully tribal (on average - Women, blacks and weak minded men)warfare passive aggressive mindset. They fail to “grow up” or mature into a parliamentarian or a Minister of the State. They do not understand anything other than tribal warfare.

The Greens/Labour politicians have no concept of parliamentary processes or the separation of powers. Jim Chalmers does not see himself as a minister of the Crown in the same way Katy Gallagher is the tribal Minister for Women and an Aboriginal is the Minister for Aborigines - they operate as tyrants for themselves, their group, their mob and their nepotism and have no relationship to parliament, or the people (even those they are supposed to represent) or the Commonwealth of Australia. Ed Husic and Anne Ely want to be the Minister for Muslims, Claire Chandler wants to be the minister for Women, Aborigines want to be the Minister for “Blacks” , State Politicians self identity as “Black” as a virtue signal and tribal victim narrative - and the rest - none of these people have the cognition or comprehension to escape the binary extremist tribalism (one average - Women, Blacks, Muslim, Extremists, Weak minded Men) to understand what the idea of being a **Minister of “State”** or a Minister of the “Commonwealth” means.

[https://www.aph.gov.au/About Parliament/House of Representatives/Powers practice and procedure/Practice7/HTML/Chapter2/The Ministry](https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/House_of_Representatives/Powers_practice_and_procedure/Practice7/HTML/Chapter2/The_Ministry) The **approval of the Governor-General** to the composition of the Ministry, the creation of departments, the allocation of portfolios and any ministerial and departmental change is notified publicly<sup>[73]</sup> and announced in the House.<sup>[74]</sup> The principal areas of departmental responsibility and enactments administered by the respective Ministers are notified publicly by **order of the Governor-General**.

Most Australians - especially in the media - are too uniformed, uneducated and tribally driven to understand much about anything the role of governments, the tendency to tyranny and the need for due process and the balance of powers. Fat, Dumb and Lazy uneducated tribal mobs dominate the country now and also places like USA and UK, NZ, FIJI, Bangladesh, China (Racist, Tribal). Women, Blacks, Binaries and Weak minded men.

For further general exploration see **Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel - Elements of the Philosophy of Right** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elements\\_of\\_the\\_Philosophy\\_of\\_Right](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elements_of_the_Philosophy_of_Right)  
<https://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/hegel/works/pr/philosophy-of-right.pdf>  
<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/author/2161> <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/hegel-social-political/>

## Reading Four Books

While at school and university, students are embroiled in a multiplicity of human engagement. Social, Intellectual, emotional, physical - at every level the student is bouncing between many things. They are in the “thick of things”

I went on holiday to warmer places for a week.

I have been reading Dan Dennett “I’ve been thinking” - which is more about his life story of “doing”, Upanishads, Rene Descartes, and **F. A Hayek’s exploration of Mills and Taylor**.

<https://contemporarythinkers.org/friedrich-hayek/book/john-stuart-mill-harriet-taylor-friendship-subsequent-marriage/> <https://archive.org/details/johnstuartmillha00mill/page/4/mode/2up>

**An Aside.** I found a copy of F.A. Hayek’s book in a bookshop in Derby Street in Newcastle, Australia for \$8. A bargain - I am not a book investor, I am a book reader and this is a valuable book for me - as many other books are. i.e. it may sell for higher places on the “market” but I value this book in my library.

I can see the teenage love, language and feelings exploration in Mills and Taylor in their letters which correspond to my teenage mind at 15-17. But flowery sensibilities and feelings were **being explored** in poetry, literature and plays in many places [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pierre\\_de\\_Marivaux](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pierre_de_Marivaux) **Pierre Carlet de Chamblain de Marivaux** 4 February 1688 – 12 February 1763), commonly referred to as Marivaux, was a French playwright and novelist.

But Mills had a pressured upbringing which is not easy to understand. The love of things - in the vaguest sense - seems to invoke exploration in a variety of forms. In Mills and Taylor it was the poetic framework of vague and specific intertwined the in the language of appreciation of some kind of shared journey. A folly of two. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Folie\\_%C3%A0\\_deux](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Folie_%C3%A0_deux)

From Hayek's book on Mills and Taylor book I get many things but one is **Leghorn**.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Livorno> which in Mill's time was seen as some kind of model town but had also been a free trade town and a slave trade hub. Mills and Taylor visited as did many other travelers. Maybe I should wax lyrical on the marvelous sensibilities of the love/dove birds but maybe I will value that at a later time.

Dan Dennett's life spans the major technologic developments in my lifetime (computers, space travel, logic, cognition) and he has written the kind of book I would have liked to see Rene Descartes write - many of Descartes interactions during his life are difficult to find records for. Dan was in the thick of human development - he was respected and engaged by many and surrounded by many changes of his time - philosophy, computers, artificial Intelligence, 60's counter culture, drugs, universities, thought, cognition, language, music, art, culture - post world war 2 intellectual exploration.

The Upanishads represent some older vague ideas - always learning - the teacher and the student. The question and the response. Not this, Not that - try something else.

Rene and his interpreters - what was Rene thinking? Dan Dennett sees Rene as being "wrong" (Mind Body duality - in a binary certain split) but everything is within a greater context - you need historical context to explore the "truth". Religious zealots were exalting "Soul"

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry\\_More](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_More) More rejected Cartesian dualism on the following grounds: "It would be easier for me to attribute matter and extension to the soul, than to attribute to an immaterial thing the capacity to move and be moved by the body." - what impact does that have? Like for me, now, Women and Black tribes are dominating my historical local landscape - promoted by pig-ignorant weak minded men.

From the Upanishads we get a method of learning but also statements of morality - giving food to the hungry and growing food. From Dan Dennett we get morality about not cheating - the stories of plagiarists and students who cheat, the morality of superior knowledge over the student - don't bully but try to encourage learning and debate - after all, we could be wrong with what we think we know. From Mill and Taylor we get intense morality about relationships, parents, husband and wife. From Rene Descartes we get morality of learning - of understanding your own ignorance. Rene Descartes also placed God inside his thoughts - **Meditation II of God, that he exists** "And the whole strength of the argument which I have made use of to prove the existence of God consists of this - a God, **I say whose idea is in me**, i.e. who possesses all those supreme perfections of which **our mind** may indeed may have some idea, but with understanding them all, who is liable to no errors or defect [and has no of those marks which denote imperfection]". Placing God (of certain "perfection") as an idea that individuals could have in their own minds was a dangerous idea when the Mob religious dogma ruled. - A Personal idea rather than a Tribal idea. Descartes influence spread not only in the "protestant" group of religions but also the "catholic - Pope" collection.

The idea of religious differences and debate was spreading in close proximity and frequency between people at **Leiden University** (Protestant) and **Leuvan University** (Catholic).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gisbertus\\_Voetius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gisbertus_Voetius) **Gisbertus Voetius** (Leiden University) attended the Synod of Dort [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synod\\_of\\_Dort](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synod_of_Dort) and argued against Rene's (Leiden )and other's ideas (e.g. Arminianism - predestination/free will)

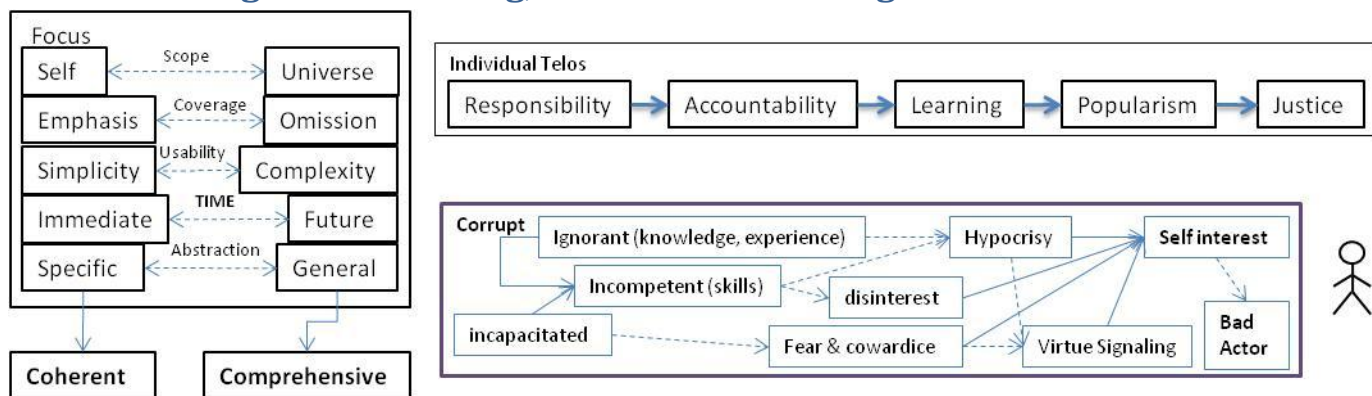
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arminianism> , **Cornelius Jansen** at Leuven University (Jesuits/Catholics) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornelius\\_Jansen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornelius_Jansen) met **Gisbertus Voetius** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old\\_University\\_of\\_Leuven](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_University_of_Leuven) and developed <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jansenism> **Jansenism** which spread to many others including [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antoine\\_Arnauld](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antoine_Arnauld) **Antoine Arnauld** - which then developed into continuing ongoing debates and arguments amongst many people for many years e.g. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Formulary\\_controversy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Formulary_controversy)

Networks and circles of debate were growing wider in the 1600s. In England, the Penny Coffee house became a place for education and discussion of News and Debates - it became a “town square” of sorts - but many of them with many different people  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English\\_coffeehouses\\_in\\_the\\_17th\\_and\\_18th\\_centuries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_coffeehouses_in_the_17th_and_18th_centuries)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic\\_of\\_Letters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Letters) **The Republic of Letters** (*Res Publica Litterarum* or *Res Publica Literaria*) was the long-distance intellectual community in the late 17th and 18th centuries in Europe and the Americas. It fostered communication among the intellectuals of the Age of Enlightenment, or philosophes as they were called in France. The Republic of Letters emerged in the 17th century as a self-proclaimed community of scholars and literary figures that stretched across national boundaries but respected differences in language and culture.[1] These communities that transcended national boundaries formed the basis of a metaphysical Republic.

Rene’s discussions were highly heretical, Dan Dennett’s thoughts were in a far less dangerous time and place - when debate and argument was encouraged, Mills and Taylor’s thoughts on Love, relationships and marriage were in a time when England was exploring marriage, divorce, children especially the “sanctity” of relationships in the “Eyes of God and the church” - continuing from Henry XIII’s time - the “Eyes of God, Church, State and the people”

## Understanding Understanding, Belief and the Biological Bitch



Our ability to take responsibility for our own behaviour includes taking responsibility for our own individual learning and development. From the Upanishads to Dan Dennett - we see people learning and developing knowledge and skills - meeting people - learning from others making mistakes and civilized disagreement, recognition of ignorance and awakening self awareness.

**Dan Dennett** has done more work than many on the idea of being conscious and the mind.

<https://sites.tufts.edu/cogstud/daniel-dennett/> <https://as.tufts.edu/news->

[events/news/remembering-daniel-c-dennett-university-and-fletcher-professor-philosophy-emeritus](#) and was influenced by [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gilbert\\_Ryle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gilbert_Ryle) **Gilbert Ryle** (19 August 1900 – 6 October 1976) was a British philosopher,[7] principally known for his critique of Cartesian dualism, for which he coined the phrase "ghost in the machine."

Gilbert's exploration included the idea that "**Knowing How**" to do something is different to the idea of "**Knowing That**" is. But we can also consider the **Brain in a Vat** exploration [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brain\\_in\\_a\\_vat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brain_in_a_vat) as part of the mind, body conscience debate.

But we now get some kind of idea of understanding what understanding might mean. People can copy what they see other people do - this is one of the first steps of learning - copying others - not eating Poisoned apples but eating good ones. This can be passed on non-verbally as a slap or a warning grunt to a child who is about to eat the bright shiny red apple which is poison and death. These messages can be passed on non-verbally for generations so that people can learn without any real understanding other than - "if you eat that apple you die". You know how to do something - like rowing a boat or avoiding bad apples with limited understanding other than copying and learning from others. Reading is like that - as well as mathematics. People can read by rote not really understanding what reading is. You can manipulate words and sounds and formulas and string words together in a word-salad way - copying what others have done - so that you "Fit in with the mob". Children who read books out loud in classrooms are learning how to become competent readers by practicing and repeating what other people do - by listening to the sounds, by moving their mouths, by using their eyes to read the words and translate that into sounds that people can hear. They practice doing, listening, speaking and reading. They build their confidence.

Dan Dennett might call this "**Competence without comprehension**" <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/10226863-competence-without-comprehension-is-the-way-of-life-of-the>

*"Competence without comprehension is the way of life of the vast majority of living things on the planet and should be the default presumption until we can demonstrate that some individual organisms really do, in one sense or another, understand what they are doing."*

— Daniel C. Dennett, *From Bacteria to Bach and Back: The Evolution of Minds* [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/From\\_Bacteria\\_to\\_Bach\\_and\\_Back](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/From_Bacteria_to_Bach_and_Back) (2017)

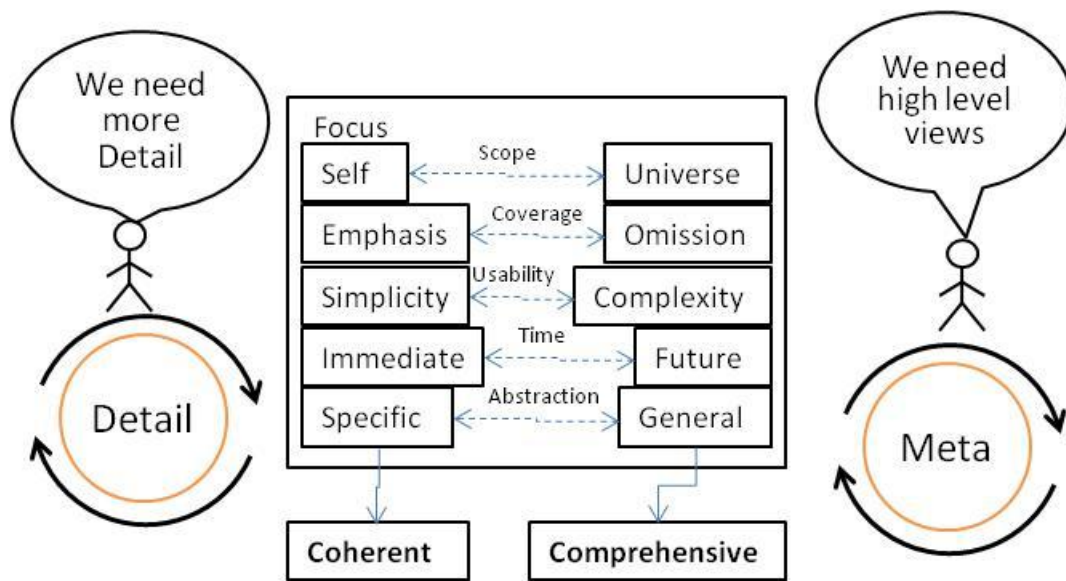
Or to put it another way - we may learn through practicing how to do things and what choices to make but then we get to a stage about understanding - not only the practice and skills about the "What" - the analysis and description of the "How". Hence we can move abstractions from specific "How to row a boat" to Boat design in general and the idea of flows and fluid dynamics. *E.g. - what the hell are we doing - well, this is the way we have always done it - well what is it exactly that we are doing?* What, Who, Where, When, How and Why.

For example - even people who think they are educated have no real understanding of what they are doing or why - they tend to just habitually follow a performance pattern or some kind of narcissistic self stimulation. For Women and Blacks (on average) it is the constant tribal **entitled victim narrative** - See **Women Lawyers – Corruption – Feminism – Debate** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Women-Lawyers-Corruption-Feminism-Debate.pdf> . Muslims

deliberately induce a daily habitual repetitive mind state and a violent nihilist entitled victim mind state (like zombies) through chants, bowing, rituals and repetitions of simple words - like brain washing and enhanced indoctrination techniques - all associated with violence and death.

**If we combine practical experience with theory we get greater understanding of the How and the What.**

As we can choose to shift our focus around (Because we are self aware) we can drill down to ever more detail or abstract out to higher and higher levels - a kind of Zoom and Focus thing - as well as making different connections at different levels of abstraction. Dan Dennett discusses the “Meta, Meta” game where thinkers go down a recursive meta, meta, meta analysis - I can out “Meta” anyone. **Come on people lets focus! SCUTA.**



We may want to separate out things to focus on and explore and discuss but as my **Focus model** shows - things are on a continuum and you can choose many things to compare and contrast using or SAME/DIFFERENT binary differentiation system (strong habit).

Why Compare Mind and Body? Someone asserted “Body” and then religious fanatics asserted “Soul”.

Rene asserted “Mind”.

I could assert “Body” “Food” - i.e. when is it a body and when is it “Food” inside the body or part of the body or waste. Same with Air, radiation, heat, cold, movement, gravity.

Given that 95% of the universe is “Dark” to humans - what role does the vat play? What is outside the vat which makes a difference? Does that vat have to move, be heated and have dramatic changes to chemical mix, chaotic spills, etc.

So what then? Maybe we could do a behaviorists approach

<https://open.library.okstate.edu/foundationsofeducationaltechnology/chapter/2-cognitive-development-the-theory-of-jean-piaget/> Jean Piaget and look at development stages and human needs from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erich\\_Fromm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erich_Fromm) Erich Seligmann Fromm. John Locke has

provided a practical and popular guide to the development of children **Some Thoughts Concerning Education** <https://standardebooks.org/ebooks/john-locke/some-thoughts-concerning-education>

The Human being is complex and despite the current trends to try to **dismantle humans into dogmatically fixed parts** (Artificial Intelligence, DNA gene markers, Mind, Body, etc) - you **cannot do that** without **destroying the human**. **Gilbert Ryle** explored this idea of the **mechanical universe** as explored by Galileo and Rene Descartes reaction in the discussion of the **Categorical Error**. [https://home.csulb.edu/~cwallis/382/readings/680/Pages%20from%20Ryle.Concept\\_of\\_Mind.pdf](https://home.csulb.edu/~cwallis/382/readings/680/Pages%20from%20Ryle.Concept_of_Mind.pdf)  
*The Origin of the Category-Mistake*

See **What Were you Thinking – 1600s – part1** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/What-Were-you-Thinking-1600s-part1.pdf>

We are driven by many things but I have noticed several things which seem to coalesce into 3 main groupings - **Shared Imagination** (play and socialization - role playing, archetypes), **Subjective Belief** and **Objective Reality**. Charles Darwin highlighted **Objective Reality** in Geological timescales. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geologic\\_time\\_scale](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geologic_time_scale)



See Dan Dennetts' exploration of Belief (Religion) e.g. **What is Belief all about?**

**Wild and Domesticated Religions: How the Machinery of Religion Evolved** **Daniel Dennett**, External Professor, Santa Fe Institute March 16, 2010 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qo4V7PsX4qU>  
*Norms of Correction - Language. Copying things - without comprehension. Memes and cultural development. Belief about internal "Goodness" and "Morality". "I am a "Good" person".*

Your **personal and private subjective beliefs** are NONE OF MY BUSINESS - especially if you believe you are "Good".

We can see anticipation and planning emerge from Imagination. We can imagine many things which have never happened and may not happen. We can pull together many different ideas to imagine things which do not exist. We can watch a Punch and Judy puppet show and shout out "He is behind you" in anticipation of possible outcomes. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punch\\_and\\_Judy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punch_and_Judy)

We can believe many things about ourselves, about others and about the world - real and imagined.

The Real world (Objective Reality) is where our beliefs are tested. Objective Reality does not care how "good" you believe yourself to be.

**Understanding** increases as we develop - first we copy things and follow the social norms and then as we learn and our understanding increases. We notice things - then we learn the ability to notice ourselves. Then we learn to notice our interactions with others and the world. We become more self aware.

We see examples of the **three systems working together** - Imagination, Belief and Reality.

In the Olympic Games - there is the imagination of possible scenarios, the Belief in ability and achieving the possible outcomes and then the Outcome of the event - the final result - where imagination and belief meet reality. This is practiced through years of training. The Stopwatch never lies.

The **Biological Bitch** is the same as the Biological Bastard - in other words - you may include your mind in your self but your self also includes many other things **related to your biology** - your comfort, your feelings, your hunger, your "needs" - so if you attempt something difficult to do and you have not taken care of the Biological Bitch which is YOU and WHAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR - that is your problem. Do not BLAME your feelings or reaction based on your biology - your biology is your responsibility. If you are thirsty - drink water, if you are hungry - eat food - if you are tired - sleep - if you are Fat - lose weight - if you are weak - build strength - do not take on tasks or interactions with other people unless you are responsible and accountable for your behaviour and choices. Become more sentient about your self including your senses, understanding and beliefs.

**Stop Bitching about your biology and get on with things!**

Also see

**Of The Conduct Of Understanding** - Document[1704] Rank(1) Author(**John Locke**) Age(72)

Keyword(Group Development Humanism, Learning, Understanding)

<https://www.earlymoderntexts.com/assets/pdfs/locke1706.pdf>

[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Of\\_the\\_Conduct\\_of\\_the\\_Understanding](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Of_the_Conduct_of_the_Understanding)

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## Laughter as a Response to Observation of Darwinian Danger

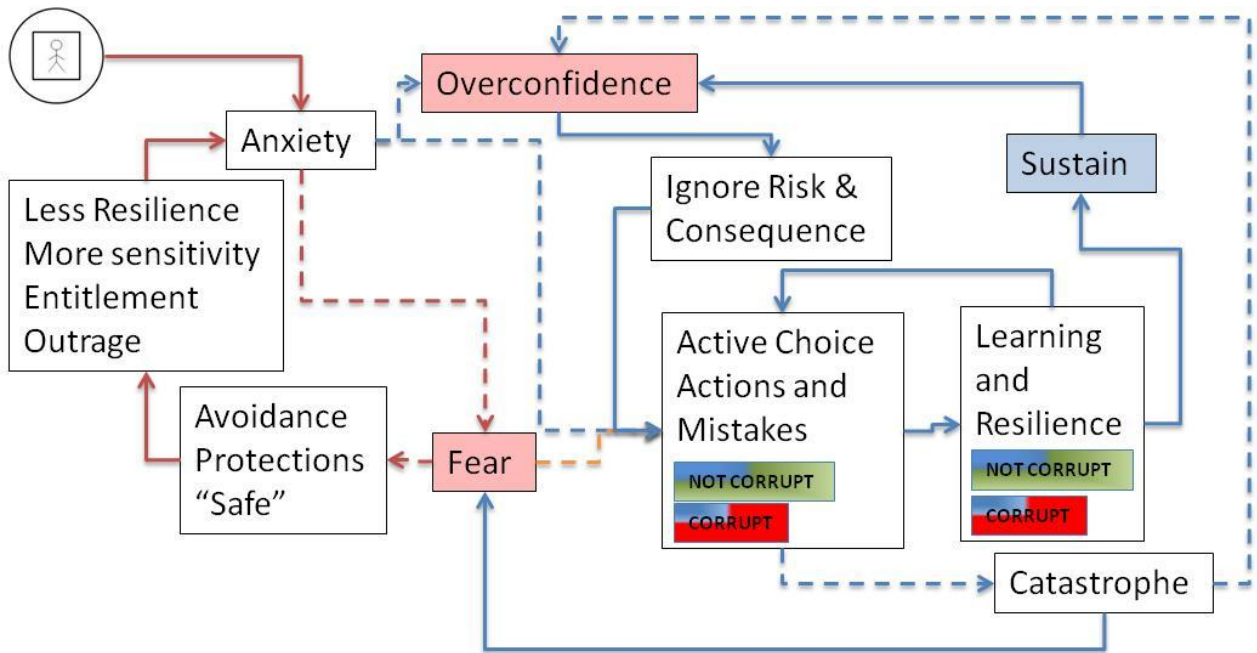
I am investigating the idea that people laugh when they see something playing out as an evolutionary warning - watching other people make Darwinian mistakes. Imagine the expression "It is like watching an inevitable slow motion train wreck"

The emotional response is a developed evolutionary **EMPHASIS on your memory** to remind you not to do that mistake. More than that - it is associated with a **pleasure type emotion** so that it is a "friendly reminder" and not an anxiety or fear driven response.

I **FEEL GOOD** about **avoiding** AND **UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWING HOW TO AVOID** an **Evolutionary Mistake** simultaneously balanced between **FEELING AFRAID** about making an Evolutionary Mistake. Further explorations of this Feel Good might expose the ideas of Smug, Self-Satisfied, Fat, Dumb, Lazy, Complacency and Delusion. i.e. you **might think** you have **UNDERSTANDING** on how to **HOW TO AVOID** an Evolutionary Mistake but you could be wrong and have not re-tested your ideas as things change in the chaotic world around you. Somewhere in the



middle, then? <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Corruption-Extremists-Feedback.pdf> **Corruption – Extremists** See my Overconfidence and fear model on page 22.



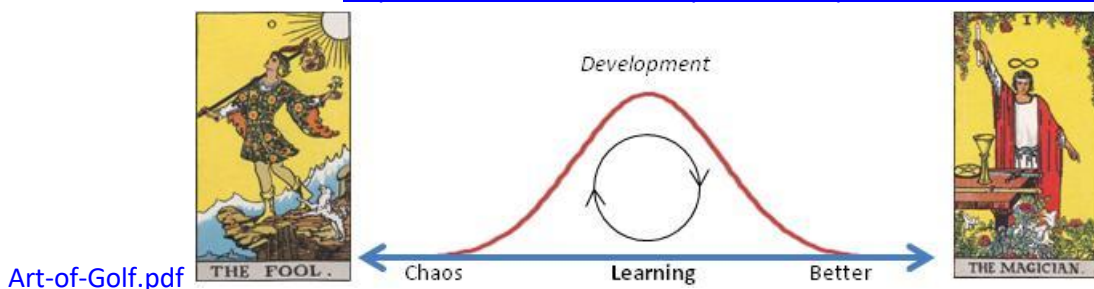
**Learning about Darwinian Mistakes**

**Smug,  
Complacent,  
Deluded,  
Over confident,  
Fearless**

Feel **GOOD**      Feel **AFRAID**

**Child,  
Inexperienced,  
Student,  
Anxious**

See **Zen and the Art of Golf** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Zen-and-the->



There is a slightly different frame when comparing Feelings and Chaos. In Human Feelings about learning - there is an emphasis on the student and child overcoming their feelings of fear to build their confidence and make choices based less on fear of doing something wrong or making inevitable mistakes. Making little mistakes in your own playground is not as damaging as making large mistakes on the world stage. But The Fool also feels "good" or at least - feels no fear - as he takes on chaos. If the fool survives then he might repeat his choices and survive the next time and many times after that - in other words - the fool is a **competent** survivor not necessarily **comprehending** what he did

or what might have happened. Most of human evolution is like that - **survival choices by uncomprehending fools**. This scenario is displayed humorously in many ways, for example, by Charlie Chaplain - who walks through a chaotic scene of dangers and pitfalls - which they audience can see - but he is completely unaware of - yet he happens to make exactly the right moves at the right time to avoid disaster. The audience reacts and sometimes laughs.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lunch\\_atop\\_a\\_Skyscraper](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lunch_atop_a_Skyscraper)



If you work hard you might realize after the event what happened and what the possible consequences were. Much of human development has been about being wiser before the event. This leads to the problem of “experts” - the “wise ones” - who want to mandate all choice. These “wise elites” are usually too stupid to know how stupid they are and suffer from smug complacency as well as binary certainty. Another factor is that the “Wise” become more aware of the dangers they avoided by dumb luck and hence build up more fear about making those choices again.

One of the main problems of knowledge is becoming smug because you have some.

If you call yourself “Wise” then you missed the point.

If you pursue wisdom with some understanding of the idea of learning then you will make mistakes, you will be afraid, you may become complacent, over confident and many other things along the way you may understand more about [The Human Condition](#).

Many 1600s elites smugly thought they were very clever and knew everything

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quarrel\\_of\\_the\\_Ancients\\_and\\_the\\_Moderns](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quarrel_of_the_Ancients_and_the_Moderns) *The Quarrel of the Ancients and the Moderns* (French: *Querelle des Anciens et des Modernes*) was a debate about

*literary and artistic merit, which expanded from the original debaters to the members of the Académie Française and the French literary community in the 17th century.*

The **Moderns (Modernes)**, represented by **Perrault**, maintain that, since the France of King Louis XIV surpasses all other states in history by its **political and religious perfection**, accomplished and matchless, it follows that the works created by 17th century authors to the glory of King and Church are **necessarily superior to anything** produced in the past centuries.[11] Therefore they fight for a new literature adapted to the modern era, complacent towards the Court of France, respectful of 17th century decorum, zealous for Catholic religion, renouncing the freedom of old classical authors and always seeking to celebrate the French monarchy and the Catholic Church.[12] Perrault has on his side the Académie, the devout party, the literary salons and a host of fashionable poets—who, in the present-day, are almost completely forgotten

**Charles Perrault** - Lifespan[1628 to 1703] Born\_Loc(Paris, France) Rank(70) Keyword(Tale, Fairy Tale), Wikidata(Q128460) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\\_Perrault](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Perrault)  
[https://www.worldoftales.com/fairy\\_tales/Perrault\\_fairy\\_tales.html#gsc.tab=0](https://www.worldoftales.com/fairy_tales/Perrault_fairy_tales.html#gsc.tab=0)  
<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/author/7137>

**Smug Certainty of belief** and **Superiority** was a feature in France in some people at the time including:

**Cardinal Richelieu**/Armand Jean du Plessis Duke of Richelieu du Plessis - Lifespan[1585 to 1642] Born\_Loc(Paris, France) Rank(40) Keyword(Religion, Politics, Statesman), Wikidata(Q26702)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardinal\\_Richelieu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardinal_Richelieu)  
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<https://courses.lumenlearning.com/atd-herkimer-westerncivilization/chapter/france-and-cardinal-richelieu/>

**Jean-Baptiste Colbert** - Lifespan[1619 to 1683] Born\_Loc(Reims, France) Rank(80) Keyword(Economics, Finance, Accounting, Tax, Tariffs, Reform, Politician, Trade, Statesman, Industry, National Navy), Wikidata(Q188971) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-Baptiste\\_Colbert](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-Baptiste_Colbert)  
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Jean-Baptiste-Colbert>

But many throughout history have claimed perfection, understanding and the solution to the Human condition. The New “Messiah”, “Utopia”, world wide “Movements”, Religions, Greens/Labour, Muslims, etc <https://www.humancondition.com/about-the-world-transformation-movement/>, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brave\\_New\\_World](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brave_New_World)

So we can see Both the Fool and the Wise man **Feeling Good** about themselves as they make the decisions and choices about how they evolve in a Darwinian sense. The fool is blissfully unaware of problems and the Mage/Magician is overconfident - he feels that he is no longer the fool. Children - especially Boys - are naturally inquisitive and tend to make mistakes and laugh at their own mistakes - possibly as some kind of inbuilt recognition of learning. E.g. “Gosh - that was a silly thing to do” - where as girls tend to (on average) scold [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common\\_scold](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_scold), denigrate, form into groups (Building strong social groups by laughing at and attacking others) and attack anyone who makes a mistake. Women struggle learn anything which is not already accepted by the social group. For example Women cheered and laughed as a tribe when Julia Gillard declared “I will

*not be lectured to by that man*". Tanya Plibersek attacks men and calls them names "Voldemort" calling out the women tribes for a women tribal group laugh and encouraging public denigration of a man and group attacks.

So this **laughing at Darwinian mistakes** is far from a tickling and response interplay or a social group response - it is more of a **cognitive laugh** closer to anticipated fear, relief, astonishment and laughter. See *The expression of the emotions in man and animals by Darwin, Charles, 1872* <https://archive.org/details/expressionofemot1872darw/page/n3/mode/2up> [https://darwin-online.org.uk/converted/pdf/1897\\_Expression\\_F1152.pdf](https://darwin-online.org.uk/converted/pdf/1897_Expression_F1152.pdf) CHAPTER XII. Surprise—Astonishment—Fear—Horror.

It is also not necessarily a communication idea of verbal, facial expression, social interaction, bonding or social cohesion. It has more to do with asking the question :

*"Why did you laugh when you saw that old man fall off the bike?"*

Clowns and others have evoked emotional responses from their audience and are well trained with timing and performance displays which are wrapped around the ideas of:

- **Shared Imagination** - what might happen - especially as speculation of possible scenarios grows within a crowd - the crowd murmurs
- **Subjective Belief** - what each person believes might be the outcome in the future
- **Objective Reality** - what finally happens at the end of the performance.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas\\_Sydenham](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Sydenham) **Thomas Sydenham** *"The arrival of a good clown exercises a more beneficial influence upon the health of a town than of twenty asses laden with drugs."*

This model is also seen in Drama, Entertainment, Sport, Wars and other forms of communication between humans.

Laughter may have evolved more than 16 million years ago in Apes and in a variety of creatures, including rats *Davis KL, Montag C. A Tribute to Jaak Panksepp (1943-2017). Personal Neurosci. 2018 Aug 10;1:e9. doi: 10.1017/pen.2018.5. PMID: 32435729; PMCID: PMC7219686.*

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7219686/>

So the question is not only **why laugh at the misfortune of others?** But also **Why laugh at the long drawn anticipation of the possible Darwinian mistake evolving in front of your eyes.**

We see the interplay of strong emotional responses, fear, anxiety, relief, laughter - all thrown into a melting pot as the event **plays out** - but this the **cognitive part of the brain driving the emotional responses** - you are not being physically "tickled" - but it may also have to do with the idea of "Play" and playing around with ideas and imagined scenarios and testing them out.

Children **play and learn boundaries** as they go - not only of social interactions - but watching and observing others they get an idea of "things" as well as people. The Man who enters the rodeo ring or the bull fight is placing himself in obvious danger but seeming to escape with the great relief of everyone. But laughter may also be invoked at various stages during the display along with relief and fear. See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry\\_Houdini](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_Houdini) **Erik Weisz** (March 24, 1874 – October 31,

1926), known as **Harry Houdini** (/hu: 'di:ni/ hoo-DEE-nee), was a Hungarian-American escape artist, illusionist, and stunt performer, noted for his escape acts.

See **Laughter: A signal of ceased alarm toward a perceived incongruity between life and stiffness**

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<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0732118X22000472> **“Laughter provoked by incongruence-resolution** Plato in his work *Philebus*, Aristotle in his *Nicomachean Ethics* (see Destree Trivigno 2019) and, later, **Thomas Hobbes** (see Ewin, 2001), argued that a person laughs at the misfortunes of others (the so-called *schadenfreude*), because others’ misfortunes affirm the superiority of the person against their shortcomings: we laugh at people who had scared us or had provoked our envy, after their fall.” <https://neurosciencenews.com/laughter-evolution-21510/> “Research examined in my review has also shown that humour is important in teaching, and is used to **emphasise concepts and thoughts.**” <https://theconversation.com/profiles/carlo-valerio-bellieni-1335675> “I am a Professor of Paediatrics. I've worked as a neonatologist and paediatrician in the Siena University Hospital since 1993. I've published more than 400 papers and 15 books.”

Sometimes people laugh at the strangest things - not everyone laughs the same at the same things - everyone is different. I have unexpectedly laughed at situations which in retrospect are completely socially inappropriate - as we all do sometimes. But maybe if we reflect on why we laughed we may find that we had some evolutionary message being emphasized in our memory.

The **Unexpected Laugh** is a human condition thing which I think a few people may have noticed - including **Richard Curtis** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard\\_Curtis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Curtis) as displayed in his writings and movies like **smiling at absurdity** or **smiling at stupid mistakes**.

## Universal Education

**Think about it - the idea that every human deserves the chance to be educated - where did that come from?**

Not indoctrinated or told to “take the knee” to women, muslim extremists or blacks.

Not killed for offending “god”

Not abused for being a white male.

Not denigrated because of their skin colour or their culture.

**Samuel Hartlib** moved from the **Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish%E2%80%93Lithuanian\\_Commonwealth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish%E2%80%93Lithuanian_Commonwealth) (which already had developed methods of Balance of Powers and accommodation of different religions, cultures and beliefs) to England became the centre of a large network of thinkers in England in the same way that **Marin Mersenne** became the center of a network in Paris. Thinkers were moving between networks in Universities, around Coffee shops and around key individuals and thoughts were argued and debated. Education can take many forms. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\\_Perrault](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Perrault) **Charles Perrault** wrote fairy tales for children, others translated historic texts and developed modern texts - language, expression, history, interpretation, ideas, maps, maths, stars, law, trade, taxes, economics, government, politics, libraries, books - all swirling around the ongoing debate.

People were being educated and becoming more interested in many things - this was not only an age of Science - this was an **Age of many things we now take for granted** as human civilization.

The "Amsterdam Circle" became a hub for free thinkers and explorers featuring [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franciscus\\_van\\_den\\_Enden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franciscus_van_den_Enden) **Franciscus van den Enden** and **Spinoza**. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pieter\\_de\\_la\\_Court](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pieter_de_la_Court) **Pieter de la Court** (1618 – May 28, 1685) was a Dutch economist and businessman, he is the origin of the De la Court family. He thought about the economic importance of free competition and was an advocate of the republican form of government. Pieter de la Court was born in **Leiden**, the son of Pieter de la Court the Elder and Jeanne des Planques. His parents were Protestant immigrants from Flanders, who settled in Leiden around 1613 in order to be able to practise their faith and to profit from the rapid expansion of Leiden as the world centre of cloth manufacturing.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxford\\_Philosophical\\_Club](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxford_Philosophical_Club) The **Oxford Philosophical Club**, also referred to as the "Oxford Circle",<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> was to a group of natural philosophers, mathematicians, physicians, virtuosi and dilettanti gathering around **John Wilkins** FRS (1614–1672) at Oxford in the period 1649 to 1660. It is documented in particular by John Aubrey: he refers to it as an "experimental philosophical club" run weekly by Wilkins, who successfully bridged the political divide of the times. There is surviving evidence that the Club was formally constituted, and undertook some projects in Oxford libraries.

Its historical importance is that members of the Oxford Circle and the Greshamites joined together to form the **Royal Society of London** in the early 1660s under Charles II. Having been newly restored as King, Charles II favoured these great scientists and philosophers, so much so that he considered himself one of them

Discussion and debating networks at universities and with cities within the Dutch Republic were growing. **Rejection of Dogma** and exploration of rational thinking and exploration of many things in the wider universe was growing. Hypothesis and Experiments - things were being empirically tested if they could be. Things were discovered and improvements were made.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas\\_Sydenham](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Sydenham) **Thomas Sydenham** (10 September 1624 – 29 December 1689) was an English physician. He was the author of *Observationes Medicae* (1676) which became a standard textbook of medicine for two centuries so that he became known as 'The English Hippocrates'. Among his many achievements was the discovery of a disease, Sydenham's chorea, also known as St Vitus' Dance.

**John Amos Comenius** - Lifespan[1592 to 1670] Born\_Loc(Nivnice, Moravia, Crown of Bohemia) Rank(80) Keyword(**Universal Education**, Philosophy, Religion), Wikidata(Q12735) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Amos\\_Comenius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Amos_Comenius) <https://www.britannica.com/biography/John-Amos-Comenius>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Dury](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Dury) **John Dury**<sup>[1]</sup> (1596 in Edinburgh<sup>[2]</sup> – 1680 in Kassel) was a Scottish Calvinist minister and an intellectual of the English Civil War period. He made efforts to reunite the Calvinist and Lutheran wings of Protestantism, hoping to succeed when he moved to Kassel in 1661, but he did not accomplish this. He was also a preacher, pamphleteer, and writer.

He was the fourth son of the exiled Scottish presbyterian minister Robert Durie;<sup>[3]</sup> John was brought up in the Netherlands, at **Leiden, attending the university there.**<sup>[4]</sup> He was in Cologne, at the Walloon Church, 1624-6,<sup>[5]</sup> and subsequently at Elbląg (Elbing). He was a close associate of **Samuel Hartlib, a native of Elbląg**, whom he met there, and shared his interest in education

**John Milton** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Of\\_Education](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Of_Education) **Of Education** is a treatise by John Milton published in 1644, first appearing anonymously as a single eight-page quarto sheet (Ainsworth 6). Presented as a letter, written in response to a request from the Puritan **educational reformer Samuel Hartlib**, it represents Milton's most comprehensive statement on educational reform (Viswanathan 352), and gives voice to his views "concerning the best and noblest way of education" (Milton 63).[https://milton.host.dartmouth.edu/reading\\_room/of\\_education/text.shtml](https://milton.host.dartmouth.edu/reading_room/of_education/text.shtml) Mr. Hartlib,

*I am long since perswaded, that to say, or do ought worth memory and imitation, no purpose or respect should sooner move us, then simply the love of God, and of mankind. Nevertheless to write now the reforming of Education, though it be one of the greatest and noblest designs that can be thought on, and for the want whereof this Nation perishes, I had not yet at this time been induc't, but by your earnest entreaties, and serious conjurements; as having my mind for the present half diverted in the pursuance of some other assertions, the knowledge and the use of which, cannot but be a great furtherance both to the enlargement of truth, and honest living, with much more peace. Nor should the laws of any private friendship have prevail'd with me to divide thus, or transpose my former thoughts, but that I see those aims, those actions which have won you with me the esteem of a person sent hither by some good providence from a far country to be the occasion and the incitement of great good to this Island. And, as I hear, you have obtain'd the same repute with men of most approved wisdom, and som of the highest authority among us. Not to mention the learned correspondence which you hold in forreign parts, and the extraordinary pains and diligence which you have us'd in this matter both here, and beyond the Seas; either by the definite will of God so ruling, or the peculiar sway of nature, which also is Gods working. Neither can I think that so reputed, and so valu'd as you are, you would to the forfeit of your own discerning ability, impose upon me an unfit and over-ponderous argument, but that the satisfaction which you profess to have receiv'd from those incidental Discourses which we have wander'd into, hath prest and almost constrain'd you into a perswasion, that what you require from me in this point, I neither ought nor can in conscience deferre beyond this time both of so much need at once, and so much opportunity to try what God hath determin'd. I will not resist therefore, whatever it is either of divine, or humane obligement that you lay upon me; but will forthwith set down in writing, as you request me, that voluntary Idea, which hath long in silence presented it self to me, of a better Education, in extent and comprehension far more large, and yet of time far shorter, and of attainment far more certain, then hath been yet in practice.*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Some\\_Thoughts\\_Concerning\\_Education](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Some_Thoughts_Concerning_Education) **Some Thoughts Concerning Education** is a 1693 treatise on the education of gentlemen written by the English philosopher **John Locke**.<sup>[1]</sup> For over a century, it was the most important philosophical work on education in England. It was translated into almost all of the major written European languages during the eighteenth century, and nearly every European writer on education after Locke, including Jean-Jacques Rousseau, acknowledged its influence. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Locke](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Locke)

[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Some\\_Thoughts\\_Concerning\\_Education](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Some_Thoughts_Concerning_Education)  
<https://standardebooks.org/ebooks/john-locke/some-thoughts-concerning-education>  
<https://www.bartleby.com/lit-hub/hc/some-thoughts-concerning-education/>  
<https://archive.org/details/somethoughtscon02lockgoog/page/n6/mode/1up>  
<https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/locke-the-works-vol-8-some-thoughts-concerning-education-posthumous-works-familiar-letters>

## Understanding Baruch Spinoza

Spinoza understood initial Self reference and Recursion and infinity and explained this in his book **Ethics in Substance Monism**.

**Ethics** - Document[1677] Rank(10) Author(Baruch Spinoza, Benedict de Spinoza) Age(45)  
Keyword(Individual Philosophy Ethics) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethics\\_\(Spinoza\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethics_(Spinoza))  
<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/3800> <https://oll.libertyfund.org/people/benedict-de-spinoza>  
<https://iep.utm.edu/spinoza/>

*ID3: By substance I understand what is in itself and is conceived through itself, that is, that whose concept does not require the concept of another thing, from which it must be formed.*

*ID6: By God I understand a being absolutely infinite, that is, a substance consisting of an infinity of attributes, of which each one expresses an eternal and infinite essence.*

Spinoza also understands the concept of **Same** and **Different**

*IP5: In Nature there cannot be two or more substances of the same nature or attribute.*

He understands that infinite things exist.

*IP11: God, or a substance consisting of infinite attributes, each of which expresses eternal and infinite essence, necessarily exists.*

**How did he get to this understanding?** He questioned things and did a lot of work. He was surrounded by people and a time in history which helped him to understand. He wrote to people, he read a lot and studied hard and was open to debate and criticism. He sought out critical thinkers. He wrote out his thoughts in Letters and sent them to people seeking a response.

**Baruch Spinoza**, Benedict de Spinoza/Baruch Spinoza - Lifespan[1632 to 1677]  
Born\_Loc(Amsterdam, Dutch Republic ) Rank(1) Keyword(Philosophy, Jew, Humanism, Rational thinking, Cognition, Ethics, Natural Sciences, Separation of Church and State), Wikidata(Q35802)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baruch\\_Spinoza](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baruch_Spinoza) <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/3800/3800-h/3800-h.htm> <https://iep.utm.edu/spinoza/>

But The Greeks - **Plato**, **Aristotle** - who were well known in Europe and being taught in schools - had also written about the essential goodness of humans and Ethics - well before anyone had invented and demanded that one "God" ruled the universe.

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1163/j.ctt1w76tx8> Weststeijn, Arthur. *Commercial Republicanism in the Dutch Golden Age: The Political Thought of Johan & Pieter de La Court*. Brill, 2012. JSTOR, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1163/j.ctt1w76tx8>. Accessed 10 Aug. 2024. **Copyright Open Access**



**Education Public Interest** *Commercial Republicanism in the Dutch Golden Age: The Political Thought of Johan & Pieter de la Court* **Arthur Weststeijn** - “, **Pieter de la Court** was enrolled at the Latin School in **Leiden**, the institution that prepared young adolescents for university. He entered school on the same day as **Nicolaas Heinsius**, 6 whose father, the famous poet and philologist **Daniel Heinsius**, taught greek and history at **Leiden university**. Heinsius was the editor of, among many other works, an influential edition of **Aristotle’s Politics**, and his son Nicolaas later became a prolific poet in the service of the Swedish Court. 7 De la Court and Nicolaas remained friends for some time, and so, from an early age, the De la Courts came into close contact with the humanist culture that dominated Dutch intellectual society, particularly in Leiden, the bulwark of Protestant late humanism.

**Pieter de la Court** was to be part of many discussions and was known of by **Baruch Spinoza**.

A number of important meetings during his grand Tour are also likely to have impressed De la Court. The first of these took place in January 1642, when De la Court, still in London, met several times with the famous Czech philosopher **Jan Amos Comenius**. The initiative for this contact had come from **Adriaan Heereboord**, a young professor of philosophy and rhetoric at **Leiden university** who had possibly taught Pieter before.<sup>14</sup> Heereboord, an important member of Cartesian circles in Dutch academia, showed a deep interest in Comenius’ writings and had instructed De la Court to get in touch with the Czech philosopher. De la Court visited Comenius at his home, and, clearly impressed by this “very friendly and talkative man”,<sup>15</sup> he scrutinized Comenius’s latest work, in particular his ‘pansophic’ treatises which aimed for a universal pedagogical and scientific reform, developed together with **Samuel Hartlib** from **Francis Bacon’s** *Instauratio magna*.

**Politics** - Document[-325] Rank(1) Author(**Aristotle**) Age(59) Keyword(Individual Nation Justice, Nation) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics\\_\(Aristotle\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_(Aristotle)) <https://www.iep.utm.edu/aris-pol/> <http://classics.mit.edu/Aristotle/politics.html>

**Nicomachean Ethics** - Document[-325] Rank(1) Author(**Aristotle**) Age(59) Keyword(Individual Philosophy Ethics) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicomachean\\_Ethics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicomachean_Ethics) <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/aristotle-ethics/> <http://classics.mit.edu/Aristotle/nicomachaen.html>

**Stephen Nadler** <https://philosophy.wisc.edu/staff/nadler-steven/> has Investigated Spinoza [http://assets.cambridge.org/052183/6204/frontmatter/0521836204\\_frontmatter.pdf](http://assets.cambridge.org/052183/6204/frontmatter/0521836204_frontmatter.pdf)

There is also an excellent website <https://spinozaweb.org/> which traces Spinoza’s life and interactions. **Terms of Use** Princeton University Press generously permits The Spinoza Web to display Curley’s translations of Spinoza’s works, with the proviso that these are copyrighted and **may not be distributed, posted, shared or reproduced in any form** by digital or mechanical means **without the written permission of Princeton University Press**. The printing, republication, creation or distribution of multiple copies or the use of these translations for commercial purposes is prohibited.

My View of Spinoza is framed by the context of place and time. His Family were Jewish but had to pretend to be Catholic to escape persecution by Portuguese Catholic Zealots. They came to Amsterdam and joined the Jewish community there. All around people were debating religion and government and thinking. Rene Descartes said “I have doubt” - Spinoza started thinking - Religions seem to persecute people - even his own group expelled him because he failed to bow down to the

dogmatic certainty enough. The Dutch had escaped the Spanish Dogmatic oppression. Spinoza may have read **The three imposters** <https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/50534/pg50534-images.html> "In 1654, Jean Baptiste Morin, a celebrated doctor and mathematician, wrote a letter under the name of Vincent Panurge, which he addressed to himself in this way, "An epistle to that most eminent physician, John Baptist Morin, concerning the 'Three Impostors'.<sup>11</sup>" The three impostors to whom he refers were Gassendi, Neure, and Bernier, whom he wished to satirize under this title. Christian Kortholt in 1680 employed the same terms in his work against Hebert, Hobbes, and Spinoza. " which may have been published and circulation at the time (it would have been repressed by all religions) or reached his own view on the religious dogma.

So I disagree with suggestions he was an "atheist" , "heretic" , "radical" [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jonathan\\_Israel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jonathan_Israel) , "rationalist", "Jew" - he was above all a **thinker** - when many could not think, especially those dominated by religious dogma. i.e. some **people too easily frame things** using their own pre-conceived biases. I could call him a humanist - using my preferred frame but instead I use lower level terms. It is like calling people a Ranter <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ranters> or a non-Ranter as a kind of binary extremist straightjacket.

**Baruch Spinoza** had access to thinkers - he located himself near to **Leiden (Reijnsberg** Lat/long(52.19145, 4.43713)) making money by making lenses and getting access to books, bookshops, libraries and ideas. He improved his lens making skills by consulting with others. He wrote his thoughts down in a structured way in books. In the same way the Greeks, Romans others around had done. **Baruch Spinoza** interacted with other thinkers. He spent at least the years from 1656 to 1677 (21 years) reading, thinking and writing about the most important human ideas he could find. Compare that to me in my life I have only spent the years 2017 to 2024 (7 years) in deep work of reading, thinking and writing. **John Locke** spent the years 1660 to 1704 (44 years) - reading, thinking, exploring and writing and was exposed to some of the greatest minds, vigorous debates and discoveries in the history of humanity.

**Baruch Spinoza** considered Nature as infinite and humans are part of it and it is worth exploring and studying. The study of **Natural Sciences** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural\\_science](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_science) was considered a worthy pursuit but this upset the Religious Dogma. **John Locke** was influenced by the work of Spinoza.

[http://assets.cambridge.org/052183/6204/frontmatter/0521836204\\_frontmatter.pdf](http://assets.cambridge.org/052183/6204/frontmatter/0521836204_frontmatter.pdf) *In Part Two, "On the Nature and Origin of the Mind," Spinoza turns to the nature of the human being and his place in Nature. Nature has an infinite number of attributes or essences, each constituting a kind of universal nature of things. We know of only two of these attributes: Thought (or thinking essence) and Extension (material essence). The course of Nature is one, since Nature is one substance, a unity. But it proceeds under each attribute in parallel coordination with its unfolding in every other attribute. Any individual thing or event is only a "mode" of Nature, manifesting itself under the different attributes. One and the same thing or event, then, manifests itself in Thought (as a mental or spiritual thing or event), in Extension (as a material thing or event), and so on through the other attributes. Thus, the human mind and the human body are one and the same thing in Nature, manifesting itself under Thought and Extension, respectively. Their union in a human being and the correlation of their states is a function of their ultimate metaphysical identity in Nature. The human being is therefore as much a part of Nature as any other thing, and is subject to the same causal*

*determinism that governs all of Nature... "The Power of the Intellect, or On Human Freedom" is the title of Part Five. Spinoza here turns to the ultimate benefits of the highest form of knowledge. This is a thorough understanding of Nature and its ways and an intellectual intuition of how the essence of anything follows from Nature's most universal elements – or, since God and Nature are one and the same, how the essence of anything relates to God. In this final part of the work, Spinoza takes on the issue of immortality, and demonstrates how the true rewards of virtue lie not in some otherworldly recompense but in the happiness, well-being, and blessedness that understanding confers upon us in this life.*

Spinoza wrote about politics because it was the discussion of the day.

**De Cive** - Document[1642] Rank(50) Author(**Thomas Hobbes**) Age(54) Keyword(Group Humanism Government, Civil Society) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/De\\_Cive](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/De_Cive) <http://www.public-library.uk/ebooks/27/57.pdf>  
<https://ia601300.us.archive.org/17/items/deciveorcitizen00inhobb/deciveorcitizen00inhobb.pdf>  
<https://www.marxists.org/reference/subject/philosophy/works/en/decive.htm>

**The Bloody Tenent of Persecution for Cause of Conscience** - 1644 age( 41)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger\\_Williams](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger_Williams) **Roger Williams** ( 1603 to 1683)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Bloody\\_Tenent\\_of\\_Persecution\\_for\\_Cause\\_of\\_Conscience](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Bloody_Tenent_of_Persecution_for_Cause_of_Conscience)

**An Agreement of the People** - Document[1647] Rank(10) Author(**John Lilburne**) Age(33)  
Keyword(Group Development Politics, Democracy, Rule of Law, Liberty, Freedom)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/An\\_Agreement\\_of\\_the\\_People](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/An_Agreement_of_the_People)  
<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/leveller-anthology-agreements>  
<https://archive.org/details/cu31924031323284/page/n64/mode/1up?view=theater>

**Leviathan** - Document[1651] Rank(1) Author(**Thomas Hobbes**) Age(63) Keyword(Individual Nation Society, Politics) [http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/3207?msg=welcome\\_stranger](http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/3207?msg=welcome_stranger)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leviathan\\_\(Hobbes\\_book\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leviathan_(Hobbes_book))  
<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/hobbes-moral/>

**The Commonwealth of Oceana** - Document[1656] Rank(40) Author(**James Harrington**) Age(45)  
Keyword(Group Development Law, Constitution, Utopia)  
<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/book/search?amode=start&author=Harrington%2C%20James> <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/2801/2801-h/2801-h.htm>  
<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo/A45610.0001.001?rgn=main;view=fulltext>

**Paradise Lost** - Document[1667] Rank(1) Author(**John Milton**) Age(59) Keyword(Group Philosophy Choice) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paradise\\_Lost](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paradise_Lost)  
<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/45718/paradise-lost-book-1-1674-version>  
<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/20>

All around there were witch trials, wars, heresy trials and ongoing religious warfare at entrenched throughout society. England and the Dutch were trying to imagine what a functioning state should look like - especially the role of Kings and nobility balanced with merchants and people generally. The idea that religion should dominate everyone's life was being challenged in Europe in a way that Muslim tyrannies had never done and will never do.

**Tractatus Politicus** - Document[1676] Rank(20) Author(**Baruch Spinoza**, Benedict de Spinoza) Age(44) Keyword(Group Nation Humanism) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tractatus\\_Politicus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tractatus_Politicus)  
<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/author/473>  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20110723220332/http://www.spinozacsack.net78.net/Political%20Treatise%2C%20Benedict%20de%20Spinoza.pdf>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First\\_Anglo-Dutch\\_War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Anglo-Dutch_War) The **First Anglo-Dutch War**, or *First Dutch War*,<sup>[b]</sup> was a naval conflict between the Commonwealth of England and the Dutch Republic. Largely caused by disputes over trade, it began with English attacks on Dutch merchant shipping, but expanded to vast fleet actions. Despite a series of victories in 1652 and 1653, the Commonwealth was unable to blockade Dutch trade, although English privateers inflicted serious losses on Dutch merchant shipping.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second\\_Anglo-Dutch\\_War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Anglo-Dutch_War) The **Second Anglo-Dutch War**, or *Second Dutch War*,<sup>[b]</sup> began on 4 March 1665, and concluded with the signing of the Treaty of Breda on 31 July 1667. One in a series of naval conflicts between England and the Dutch Republic, its causes were a combination of political differences and commercial disputes.

Despite several major battles, neither the English Royal Navy or the Dutch States Navy was able to score a decisive victory, and by the end of 1666 the war had reached a stalemate. Although peace talks began, neither side was willing to make significant concessions until the Dutch Raid on the Medway in June 1667 forced Charles II to make terms.

The treaty eliminated a number of long-standing issues, and in the long-term made it possible for the two countries to unite against the expansionist policies pursued by Louis XIV of France. In the short-term however, Charles' desire to avenge this setback led to the Third Anglo-Dutch War in 1672.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third\\_Anglo-Dutch\\_War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_Anglo-Dutch_War) The **Third Anglo-Dutch War** [a], began on 27 March 1672, and concluded on 19 February 1674. A naval conflict between the Dutch Republic and England, in alliance with France, it is considered a related conflict of the wider 1672 to 1678 Franco-Dutch War

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<b>Execution of Charles I</b> Rebellion - War[1649] Month[1] Day[20]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Execution_of_Charles_I">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Execution_of_Charles_I</a> Charles I, the king of England, Scotland, and Ireland, was executed on Tuesday, 30 January 1649 <sup>[b]</sup> outside the Banqueting House on Whitehall, London.
Great Scottish witch hunt of 1649-50 - War[1649 to 1650]	
Khmelnysky Uprising Rebellion-Treaty of Zboriv - War[1649]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Zboriv">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Zboriv</a> The Treaty of Zboriv was signed on August 18, 1649, <sup>[1]</sup> after the Battle of Zboriv when the Crown forces of about 25,000, led by King John II Casimir of Poland, clashed against a combined force of Cossacks
Khmelnysky Uprising Rebellion-Battle of Zboriv - War[1649]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khmelnysky_Uprising">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khmelnysky_Uprising</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Zboriv_(1649)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Zboriv_(1649)</a> 15 to 16 August 1649) was fought between the Cossack Hetmanate and Crimean Khanate against the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth
Khmelnysky Uprising Rebellion-Siege Massacre and	10 July to 22 August, 1649 <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khmelnysky_Uprising">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khmelnysky_Uprising</a>

Ransom of Zbarazh - War[1649]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Zbarazh">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Zbarazh</a> was fought near the site of the present-day city of Zbarazh in Ukraine between the Cossack Hetmanate and Crimean Khanate against
Mughal Safavid-Sieges of Kandahar - War[1649 to 1653]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mughal_sieges_of_Kandahar_(1649%E2%80%931653)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mughal_sieges_of_Kandahar_(1649%E2%80%931653)</a> During the Mughal Safavid war of 1649 to 1653, the Mughal Empire laid siege to the city of Kandahar in Afghanistan three times. All three sieges failed
Start of Jewish Migration to Curacao - Event[1650]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Jews_in_Cura%C3%A7ao">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Jews_in_Cura%C3%A7ao</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cura%C3%A7ao_Synagogue">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cura%C3%A7ao_Synagogue</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baruch_Spinoza">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baruch_Spinoza</a> Spinoza's sister Rebecca, brother Gabriel, and nephew eventually migrated to Curacao
Santorini - Tsunami[1650] Month[9] Day[26]	Greece Shield volcano Vei(4) Deaths(120) Black Flag <a href="https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=212040">https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=212040</a>
Merapi - Eruption[1650]	Indonesia Stratovolcano Vei(5) Black Flag <a href="https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=263250">https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=263250</a>
Sheveluch - Eruption[1650]	Russia Stratovolcano Vei(5) Black Flag <a href="https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=300270">https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=300270</a>
Santorini - Eruption[1650] Month[9] Day[27]	Greece Shield volcano Vei(4) Black Flag <a href="https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=212040">https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=212040</a>
Wars of the three kingdoms- Battle of Worcester - War[1651] Month[9] Day[3]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wars_of_the_Three_Kingdoms">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wars_of_the_Three_Kingdoms</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Worcester">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Worcester</a>
Khmelnysky Uprising Rebellion-Battle and Treaty of Bila Tserkva - War[1651]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khmelnysky_Uprising">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khmelnysky_Uprising</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Bila_Tserkva_(1651)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Bila_Tserkva_(1651)</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Bila_Tserkva">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Bila_Tserkva</a>
Third English Civil War-Battle of Wigan Lane - War[1651] Month[8]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Wigan_Lane">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Wigan_Lane</a>
Fronde-Battle of the Faubourg St Antoine - War[1652] Month[7] Day[2]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Faubourg_St_Antoine">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Faubourg_St_Antoine</a> The Battle of the Faubourg Saint Antoine occurred on 2 July 1652 during the Fronde rebellion in France.
Anglo Dutch Naval - War[1652 to 1674]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Anglo-Dutch_War">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Anglo-Dutch_War</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Anglo-Dutch_War">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Anglo-Dutch_War</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_Anglo-Dutch_War">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_Anglo-Dutch_War</a>
Ottoman Habsburg-Battle of Ve'ke Vozokany - War[1652] Month[8] Day[25]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Vezek%C3%A9ny">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Vezek%C3%A9ny</a> occurred during the 17th century Ottoman Wars in Europe. It was a major Hungarian victory
First Anglo Dutch War-Battle of Portland Naval - War[1653] Month[2]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Portland">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Portland</a>
Anglo Dutch-Battle of the Gabbard Naval - War[1653] Month[6]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Gabbard">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Gabbard</a>
Anglo Dutch First War-Battle of Leghorn - War[1653] Month[3] Day[4]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Anglo-Dutch_War">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Anglo-Dutch_War</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Leghorn">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Leghorn</a>
Anglo Dutch-Naval Battle of Scheveningen - War[1653] Month[7]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Scheveningen">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Scheveningen</a> final naval battle of the First Anglo-Dutch War
Franco Spanish-Battle of	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Arras_(1654)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Arras_(1654)</a> Battle of

Arras - War[1654] Month[8]	Arras, fought on 25 August 1654, was a victory of a French army under Turenne against a Spanish army commanded by Don Ferdinand de Salis and the Prince de Conde.
<b>Magdeburg hemispheres</b> - Event[1654]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magdeburg_hemispheres">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magdeburg_hemispheres</a> Magdeburg hemispheres are a pair of large copper hemispheres with mating rims that were used in a famous 1654 experiment to demonstrate the power of atmospheric pressure.
Priest Hunters Heretic-Hanging of Willam Tirry - War[1654]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Priest_hunter">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Priest_hunter</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Tirry">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Tirry</a> William Tirry (Q8019434) He was captured by the priest hunters at Fethard, County Tipperary while continuing his priestly ministry covertly and was hanged at Clonmel,
<b>Wars of Religion-Savoyard Waldensian Wars-Piedmontese Easter Sacking Torture and Massacre</b> - War[1655]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmontese_Easter">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmontese_Easter</a> was a series of massacres on Waldensians (also known as Waldenses or Vaudois) by Savoyard troops in the Duchy of Savoy in 1655.
Piedmontese Easter massacres of Waldensians - War[1655]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmontese_Easter">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmontese_Easter</a> <a href="https://museprotestant.org/en/notice/a-history-of-the-waldensians/">https://museprotestant.org/en/notice/a-history-of-the-waldensians/</a>
Second Northern War-Battle of Chojnice - War[1656]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Northern_War">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Northern_War</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Chojnice_(1656)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Chojnice_(1656)</a> Battle of Chojnice, also known as the Battle of Konitz, was a surprise nighttime attack followed by a run-and-chase battle during The Deluge.
Second Northern War-Battle of Warsaw - War[1656] Month[7]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Northern_War">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Northern_War</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Warsaw_(1656)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Warsaw_(1656)</a> Battle of Warsaw took place near Warsaw
Battle of Bloody Run - War[1656]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Bloody_Run_(1656)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Bloody_Run_(1656)</a> he Battle of Bloody Run was fought in March or April 1656[1] near Richmond, Virginia. In 1654, the expansion of the Iroquois Nation (during the Beaver Wars)
Mughal Bijapu-Siege Surrender and Capture of Bidar - War[1657] Month[3]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Bidar">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Bidar</a> The siege of Bidar was a twenty-seven day siege mounted by the Mughal Empire against the Adil Shahi dynasty's garrison at Bidar, then controlled by Mohammed Adil Shah, Sultan of Bijapur.
Franco Spanish-Battle of the Dunes - War[1658]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Dunes_(1658)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Dunes_(1658)</a> Batalla de las Dunas), also known as the Battle of Dunkirk, took place on 14 June 1658, near the strategic port of Dunkirk in what was then the Spanish Netherlands
Mughal war of succession-Battle of Dharmat - War[1658] Month[4] Day[15]	Mughal war of succession (1658 - 1659) <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Dharmat">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Dharmat</a>
Second Northern War-Assault on Copenhagen - War[1659] Month[2]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assault_on_Copenhagen_(1659)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assault_on_Copenhagen_(1659)</a> Battle of Copenhagen on 11 February 1659 was a major engagement during the Second Northern War, taking place during the Swedish siege of Copenhagen.
Religious Wars-Heresy Trials Boston Martyrs - War[1659 to 1661]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_martyrs">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_martyrs</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Dyer">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Dyer</a> Mary Dyer (Q232899) three English members of the Society of Friends
Mughal war of succession-	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Khajwa">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Khajwa</a> The Battle of

Battle of Khajwa - War[1659]	Khajua was fought on January 5, 1659, between the newly crowned Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb and Shah Shuja who also declared himself Mughal Emperor in Bengal.
Spana Prosecution Poisons - War[1659 to 1660]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spana_Prosecution">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spana_Prosecution</a> Spana Prosecution was a major criminal case which took place in Rome in the Papal States between January 1659 and March 1660 <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giulia_Tofana">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giulia_Tofana</a> Giulia Tofana (Q3769306)
Katla - Eruption[1660] Month[11] Day[3]	Iceland Subglacial volcano Vei(4) <a href="https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=372030">https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=372030</a>
Katla - Eruption[1660] Month[11] Day[3]	Iceland Subglacial volcano Vei(4) <a href="https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=372030">https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=372030</a>
Great Scottish Witch Hunt of 1661-62 - War[1661 to 1662]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Scottish_Witch_Hunt_of_1661%E2%80%931662">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Scottish_Witch_Hunt_of_1661%E2%80%931662</a>
Vardo Witch Trials - War[1662 to 1663]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vard%C3%B8_witch_trials_(1662%E2%80%931663)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vard%C3%B8_witch_trials_(1662%E2%80%931663)</a>
Esslingen Witch Trials - War[1662 to 1666]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esslingen_witch_trials">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esslingen_witch_trials</a> The Esslingen witch trials was a series of witch trials taking place in Esslingen in Germany between 1662 and 1666. It resulted in the death of 37 people.
Anglo Spanish-Capture Sacking and Destruction of Santiago de Cuba - War[1662]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Myngs">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Myngs</a> In 1662 Myngs decided that the best way to accomplish this was to employ the full potential of the buccaneers by promising them the opportunity for unbridled plunder.
Farnley Wood Plot Rebellion - War[1663]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Farnley_Wood_Plot">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Farnley_Wood_Plot</a> The Farnley Wood Plot was a conspiracy in Yorkshire, England in October 1663. Intended as a major rising to overturn the return to monarchy in 1660, it was undermined by informers, and came to nothing.
Anglo Spanish-Sack of Campeche - War[1663]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sack_of_Campeche_(1663)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sack_of_Campeche_(1663)</a> 1663 raid by pirates led by Christopher Myngs and Edward Mansvelt which became a model for later coastal pirate raids of the buccaneering era.
Mathura-Sack of Surat - War[1664]	Not sure of dates and people <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sack_of_Surat">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sack_of_Surat</a> Battle of Surat, also known as the Sack of Surat, was a land battle that took place on 5 January 1664, near the city of Surat, in present-day Gujarat, India,
<b>Great Comet</b> - Event[1664 to 1665]	<a href="https://zwg.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/de/kalender/two-comets-1664-1665-french-international-perspective">https://zwg.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/de/kalender/two-comets-1664-1665-french-international-perspective</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_comet">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_comet</a>
Anglo Dutch-Naval Battle of Lowestoft - War[1665] Month[6]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Lowestoft">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Lowestoft</a> on 13 June [O.S. 3 June] 1665 during the Second Anglo-Dutch War.
Capture of Basrur - War[1665]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shivaji">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shivaji</a> Shivaji Bhonsle (Q239505) <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basrur">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basrur</a> On 13 February 1665, the Maratha ruler Shivaji conducted a naval raid on the Portuguese at Basrur, and gained a large booty
<b>Great Plague of London</b> - Plague[1665 to 1666]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Plague_of_London">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Plague_of_London</a>
Anglo Dutch-St. James Day Naval Battle - War[1666] Month[7]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._James%27_Day_Battle">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._James%27_Day_Battle</a>

<b>Great Fire of London</b> - Event[1666]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Fire_of_London">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Fire_of_London</a>
Anglo Dutch-Naval Four Days Battle - War[1666] Month[6]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Four_Days%27_Battle">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Four_Days%27_Battle</a> 11 to 14 June 1666 (1 - 4 June O.S.) during the Second Anglo-Dutch War. It began off the Flemish coast and ended near the English coast, and remains one of the longest naval battles in history
Anglo Dutch-Treaty of Breda - War[1667] Month[7]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Breda_(1667)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Breda_(1667)</a> Peace of Breda, or Treaty of Breda was signed in the Dutch city of Breda, on 31 July 1667. It consisted of three separate treaties between England and each of its opponents in the Second Anglo-Dutch War
Dubrovnik - Earthquake[1667]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1667_Dubrovnik_earthquake">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1667_Dubrovnik_earthquake</a> The 1667 Dubrovnik earthquake was one of the three most devastating earthquakes to hit what is now modern Croatia in the last 2,400 years, since records began. The entire city was almost destroyed
Anglo Dutch-Raid on the Medway - War[1667] Month[6]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raid_on_the_Medway">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raid_on_the_Medway</a> Raid on the Medway, during the Second Anglo-Dutch War in June 1667, was a successful attack conducted by the Dutch navy on English warships laid up in the fleet anchorages off Chatham Dockyard
Mora Witch Trial - War[1668 to 1676]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mora_witch_trial">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mora_witch_trial</a> great Swedish witch hunt of 1668 - 1676.
The Great Noise Witch Trials - War[1668 to 1676]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Witch_trials_in_Sweden#The_%22Great_noise%22_of_1668%E2%80%931676">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Witch_trials_in_Sweden#The_%22Great_noise%22_of_1668%E2%80%931676</a> The witch hunt started when Lars Elvius, church pastor in Alvdalen in Dalarna, interrogates the little shepherd girl Gertrud Svensdotter, who pointed out Maret
Etna - Eruption[1669] Month[3] Day[11]	Italy Stratovolcano Vei(3) Black Flag <a href="https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=211060">https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=211060</a>
Etna - Eruption[1669] Month[3] Day[19]	Italy Stratovolcano Vei(3) Deaths(2) Black Flag <a href="https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=211060">https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=211060</a>
<b>Discovery of Supernova Nova Vulpeculae</b> 1670 - Event[1670]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CK_Vulpeculae">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CK_Vulpeculae</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthelme_Voituret">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthelme_Voituret</a> Voituret Anthelme (Q17152971) CK Vulpeculae was discovered on June 20, 1670, by Voituret Anthelme and independently on July 25 by Johannes Hevelius.
Wizna Witch Trial of Barbara Krolka - War[1670]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barbara_Kr%C3%B3lka">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barbara_Kr%C3%B3lka</a> Barbara Krolka (Q9165448) <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Witch_trials_in_Poland">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Witch_trials_in_Poland</a>
Fayal - Eruption[1672] Month[4] Day[24]	Portugal Stratovolcano Vei(2) Deaths(3) Black Flag <a href="https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=382010">https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=382010</a>
Great Witch trial of Feldbach - War[1673 to 1675]	<a href="https://www.schloesserstrasse.com/en/feldbach-tabor">https://www.schloesserstrasse.com/en/feldbach-tabor</a> During the great Feldbach witch trial (1673 to 1675), the Tabor served as a prison for those accused of witchcraft. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katharina_Paldauf">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katharina_Paldauf</a> Katharina Paldauf (Q1691944)
Torsaker Witch Trials - War[1674 to 1675]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tors%C3%A5ker_witch_trials">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tors%C3%A5ker_witch_trials</a> <a href="https://www.history.com/news/beyond-salem-6-lesser-known-witch-trials">https://www.history.com/news/beyond-salem-6-lesser-known-witch-trials</a>
Bacon's Rebellion - War[1676 to 1677]	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bacon%27s_Rebellion">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bacon%27s_Rebellion</a> Bacon's Rebellion was an armed rebellion held by Virginia settlers that took place from 1676 to 1677. It was led by Nathaniel Bacon against Colonial Governor William Berkeley



Spinoza interacted with many people during his life and also interacted **with the ideas** (Euclid, Rene Descartes, Robert Boyle, Thomas Hobbes) of many people. Here are some of the people.

**Abraham ibn Ezra** (Q270670) (1089 to 1067) writings and books

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abraham\\_ibn\\_Ezra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abraham_ibn_Ezra)

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/spinozas-theologicalpolitical-treatise/F44C8F0EA7402357FDA89BA79FDF3A9E>

**Uriel da Costa** (Q347893) (1585 to 1640) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uriel\\_da\\_Costa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uriel_da_Costa) - his story would have become known to Spinoza at some stage.

**Petrus Serrarius** (Q3377691) (1600 to 1669) maybe between 1640 and 1669 (aged 40 to 69)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Petrus\\_Serrarius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Petrus_Serrarius) was a **millenarian** theologian, writer, and also a wealthy merchant, who established himself in Amsterdam in 1630, and was active there until his death. He was born "into a well-to-do Walloon merchant family by name of Serrurier in London." [3] He has been called "the dean of the dissident Millenarian theologians in Amsterdam"

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millenarianism> "Millenarianism or millenarism (from Latin millenarius 'containing a thousand' and -ism) is the **belief** by a religious, social, or political group or movement in a coming **fundamental transformation of society**, after which "all things will be changed".

**Saul Levi Morteira** (Q6122291) (1596 to 1660) between 1637 and 1646 (aged 41 to 48) **Baruch**

**Spinoza** (aged 5 to 14) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saul\\_Levi\\_Morteira](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saul_Levi_Morteira)

**Franciscus van den Enden** (Q596911) (1602 to 1674) between 1654 to 1657 (aged 52 to 55) **Baruch**

**Spinoza** (aged 22 to 25) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franciscus\\_van\\_den\\_Enden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franciscus_van_den_Enden)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baruch\\_Spinoza](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baruch_Spinoza) Sometime between 1654 and 1657, Spinoza started studying Latin with political radical Franciscus van den Enden, a former Jesuit and atheist, who likely introduced Spinoza to scholastic and modern philosophy, including Descartes, who had a dominant influence on Spinoza's philosophy. [70] While boarding with Van den Enden, Spinoza studied in his school, where he learned the arts and sciences and likely taught others

**Pieter Balling** (Q97143945) (? To 1664) in 1654 to 1677 [https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pieter\\_Balling](https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pieter_Balling)

[https://homepages.uc.edu/~martinj/Spinoza & Hobbes/English/Spinoza%20-%20Complete%20Works%20%282002%29.pdf](https://homepages.uc.edu/~martinj/Spinoza_%20Hobbes/English/Spinoza%20-%20Complete%20Works%20%282002%29.pdf)

<https://spinozaweb.org/people/7> <https://sacred-texts.com/phi/spinoza/corr/corr29.htm>

**Jarig Jelles** (Q1955462) (1620 to 1683) in 1654 to 1677 (aged 34 to 57)

[https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jarig\\_Jelles](https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jarig_Jelles)

[https://homepages.uc.edu/~martinj/Spinoza & Hobbes/English/Spinoza%20-%20Complete%20Works%20%282002%29.pdf](https://homepages.uc.edu/~martinj/Spinoza_%20Hobbes/English/Spinoza%20-%20Complete%20Works%20%282002%29.pdf)

<https://sacred-texts.com/phi/spinoza/corr/index.htm>

**Jan Rieuwertsz (Q84571331) Jan Rieuwertsz Sr.** (1617 to 1687) (Book publisher) between 1654 and 1677 **Baruch Spinoza** (aged 22 to 44) [https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan\\_Rieuwertsz](https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan_Rieuwertsz).

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/term/BIOG202059> <https://spinozaweb.org/locations/31>

[https://www.academia.edu/11048930/The\\_Publisher\\_of\\_the\\_Book\\_Forged\\_in\\_Hell\\_The\\_Output\\_of\\_Jan\\_Rieuwertsz\\_Sr\\_Spinozas\\_Intellectual\\_Agent\\_2015](https://www.academia.edu/11048930/The_Publisher_of_the_Book_Forged_in_Hell_The_Output_of_Jan_Rieuwertsz_Sr_Spinozas_Intellectual_Agent_2015)

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**Adriaan Koerbagh** (Q366862) (1633 to 1669) between 1650? and 1669 (aged 17 to 36) **Baruch Spinoza** (aged 18 to 37) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adriaan\\_Koerbagh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adriaan_Koerbagh) *was a Dutch physician, scholar, and writer who was a critic of religion and conventional morality.[1] He was in the circle of supporters of Baruch Spinoza* <https://spinozaweb.org/locations/6>

**Lodewijk Meyer** (Q2742798) (1629 to 1681) between 1650? and 1677 (aged 21 to 48) **Baruch Spinoza** (aged 18 to 44) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lodewijk\\_Meyer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lodewijk_Meyer) <https://spinozaweb.org/locations/6>

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**Frederik Ruysch** (Q529211) (1638 to 1731) between 1659? to 1663? (aged 21 to 25) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederik\\_Ruysch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederik_Ruysch) *Fascinated by anatomy, he studied at the university of Leiden, under Franciscus Sylvius. His fellow students were Jan Swammerdam, Reinier de Graaf and Niels Stensen.*

**Nicolaus Steno** (Q151722) (1638 to 1686) between 1659? to 1663? (aged 21 to 25) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicolas\\_Steno](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicolas_Steno) *Within a few months Steensen moved to Leiden, where he met the students Jan Swammerdam, Frederik Ruysch, Reinier de Graaf, Franciscus de le Boe Sylvius, a famous professor, and Baruch Spinoza*

**Regnier de Graaf** (Q266995) (1641 to 1673) between 1659 to 1663 (aged 18 to 22) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regnier\\_de\\_Graaf](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regnier_de_Graaf) *He studied medicine in Leuven (1658), Utrecht and Leiden (1663).[3][4] There his co-students were Jan Swammerdam, Niels Stensen, Ole Borch and Frederik Ruysch, cooperating with professor Franciscus Sylvius, Johannes van Horne and Lucas Schacht. All of them were interested in the organs of procreation and influenced by Rene Descartes' iatrophysical approach.*

**Lucas Schacht** (Q1586702) (1634 to 1689) between 1652? to 1689 (aged 18 to 55) [https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucas\\_Schacht](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucas_Schacht)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collegiants> **Collegiants** *were an association, founded in 1619 among the Arminians and Anabaptists in Holland.[1] The practice originated in 1619 when, after the Synod of Dort forced the States of Holland to dismiss clerics for encouraging refuge to individuals being persecuted for religious beliefs, three brothers of Warmond by the name of van der Kodde (or*

*Codde)—Gijbert, Jan Jacobsz, and Adriaen—decided to hold religious services of their own.[2] The sect began as a refuge from the bitterness of the Calvinist and Arminian controversies of the day. Their name is derived from the custom they had of calling their communities "Colleges", as did Spener and the Pietists of Germany.[3] The Collegiants' first place of meeting was at the village of Warmond, at the residence of one of the brothers, but they shortly established their headquarters at **Rijnsburg, a village 2.5 mi (4.0 km) northwest from Leiden**, and were hence called the Rijnsburgers (Dutch: Rijnsburger Collegianten).[3] In Rijnsburg, the Collegiants had a guest-quarter in the present-day alleyway of Kwakelsteeg called the Grote Huis (Large House)*

**Henry Oldenburg** (Q700422) (1618 to 1677) in 1661 to 1665 (Aged 43 to 47) **Baruch Spinoza** (aged 29 to 33) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Epistolae\\_\(Letters\)\\_of\\_Spinoza](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Epistolae_(Letters)_of_Spinoza)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry\\_Oldenburg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Oldenburg) <https://spinozaweb.org/people> <https://sacred-texts.com/phi/spinoza/corr/index.htm>

**Herman Dircksz Homan** in 1661 to 1663 <https://spinozaweb.org/locations/6>

**Johannes Casearius** (Q41568653) (1642 to 1677) in 1663 (aged 21)  
<https://spinozaweb.org/locations/6>

**Simon Joosten de Vries** in 1663 <https://spinozaweb.org/locations/6>  
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**Willem van Blijenbergh** (Q16240474) (1632 to 1696) in 1664 to 1665 (Aged 32 to 33)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willem\\_van\\_Blijenbergh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willem_van_Blijenbergh) <https://sacred-texts.com/phi/spinoza/corr/corr30.htm> <https://sacred-texts.com/phi/spinoza/corr/corr31.htm>

**Johann Georg Graevius** (Q67599) (1632 to 1703) in 1664 (aged 32)  
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**Constantijn Huygens** (Q560746) (1596 to 1687) in 1665 (aged 69) **Baruch Spinoza** (aged 33)  
<https://spinozaweb.org/locations/13> <https://sacred-texts.com/phi/spinoza/corr/index.htm>

**Christiaan Huygens** (Q39599) (1625 to 1695) in 1665 (aged 40) <https://spinozaweb.org/locations/13>

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**Ehrenfried Walther von Tschirnhaus** (Q77288) (1651 to 1708) in 1672 to 1674 (aged 21 to 23)  
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Spinoza sought out the **comprehensive** view - he was able to see the shift in focus (my focus model) to move between the continuum of small detailed views to larger connected views.

Early in his thinking he explores **certainty** - certain good, happiness - god/bad relativity versus “**true**” good and a union with the whole of nature. He exposes his thinking process and rationale.

“Peter” is real but the **idea** of Peter is another thing. (schemas) perception and **recursive** “essence”. Self Awareness and knowledge. Imagination and Memory. Fiction and Lying - False ideas. “Doubt”

His argument for God goes like this - Infinity Exists, no-one can understand infinity except God. Infinity exists outside man’s knowledge. <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/3800/3800-h/3800-h.htm>  
*VI. By God, I mean a being absolutely infinite—that is, a substance consisting in infinite attributes, of which each expresses eternal and infinite essentiality.*

And then he winds “Existence” into “Essence” and Attribute” as a kind of duality

*VII. If a thing can be conceived as non—existing, its essence does not involve existence.*

i.e. an imagined purple dragon can have *essence* and *attributes* but not **existence**. The idea of Peter is not the same as Peter.

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73. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ranters> **RANTERS** The chaos of the Second English Civil War, the execution of King Charles I, and the animosity between the Presbyterians and Independents during the era of the Commonwealth gave rise to many sectarian groups that attempted to make sense of their society and place within that society. The Ranters were one such group. They were regarded as heretical by the established Church and seem to have been regarded by the government as a threat to social order. The quote "...the bishops, Charles and the Lords have had their turn, overturn, so your turn shall be next...",[2] published in a Ranter pamphlet, no doubt caused some concern in the halls of power. The Ranters denied the authority of churches, of Scripture, of the current ministry and of services, instead calling on men to listen to the divine within them. In many ways they resemble the 14th century Brethren of the Free Spirit.[1] In fact, they were causing such controversy, that by the early 1650s multiple anti-Ranter pamphlets were circulating throughout Britain ... Their central idea was pantheistic, that God is essentially in every creature, including themselves. "If God be in all things, then in all creatures that hath live whatsoever, so that wherein is man better than these, or hath any pre-eminence above these?"[6] Laurence Clarkson, *A Single Eye* (1650). [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laurence\\_Clarkson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laurence_Clarkson)  
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