



PHILOSOPHER'S HOLIDAY LECTURE SERIES

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## Belief Revision, Moral Reform, and the Spinozistic Mind



Among the more intriguing, if neglected, components of Baruch Spinoza's radical thought is his account of belief formation. Spinoza conceives of the mind as a kind of field whose constituents each express some degree of power, in a struggle for cognitive governance. This talk examines the challenges for belief revision and moral reform on the Spinozist model, attending to how his account may explain recent work in empirical psychology on moral licensing, moral cleansing, and moral hypocrisy.

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