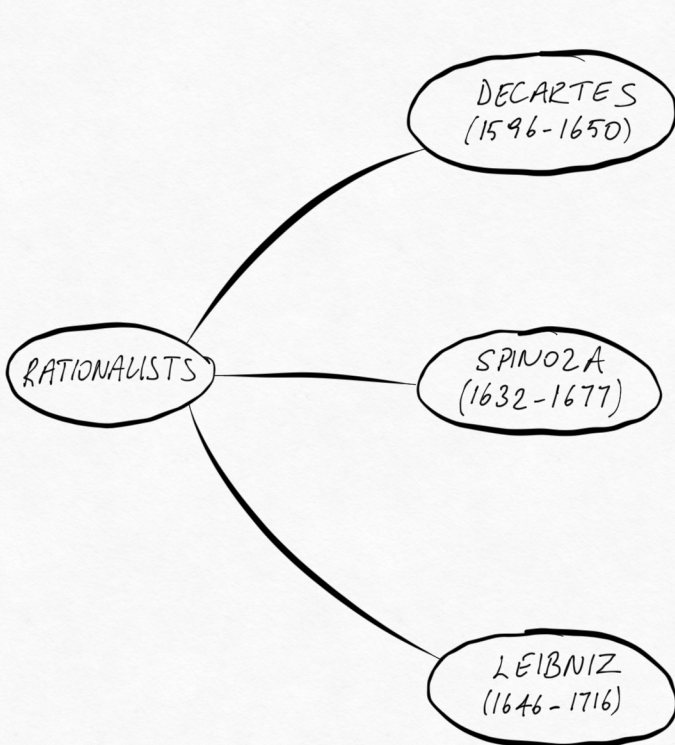




Sceptics → Nothing can be known for sure!
 Descartes doubts everything
 First Principles
 Everything can be deceiving (Evil demon) → but the fact that we think

Cogito Ergo Sum

Cartesian Dualism
 Mind & Body (Avicenna?)

Three substances;
 1) Mind
 2) Matter
 3) God

Cartesian Circle

There is only one substance → **God = Totality of Existence = Nature**
 ↳ Therefore, can't be super-natural!
 "If God is infinite, how can anything not be part of God?"

Albert Einstein, admirer of Spinoza, especially his concept of God

Free will does not exist

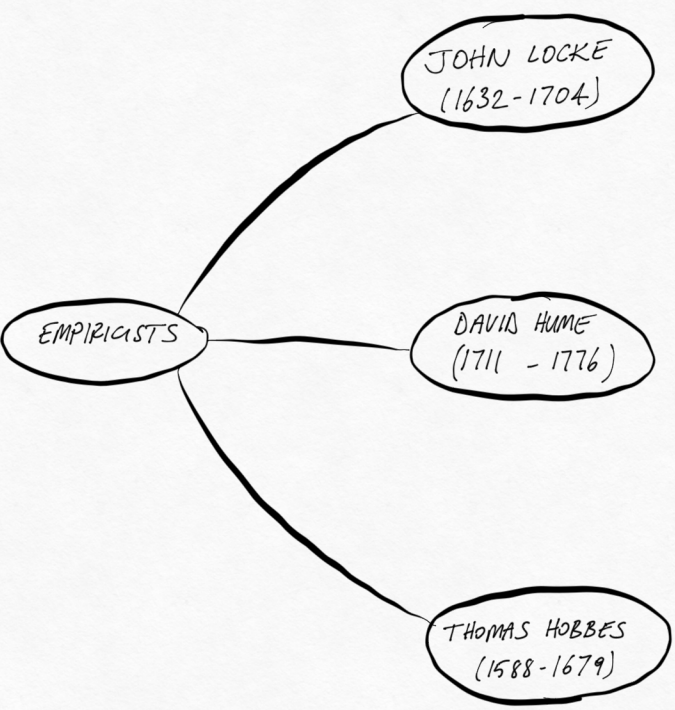
The best of all possible worlds!

There is only one substance; monad
 a unit of spiritual thing, indivisible, dimensionless

Co-invented Calculus

1) Truth of Reasoning - Necessary
 2) Truth of Facts - Contingent

Avicenna



Tabula Rasa
 Knowledge comes from experience

Nature < Nurture
 It's same not innate

Robert Filmer
 Monarchy (First with Adam)
 property from father to son (Patriarchalism)

(Labor theory of property)

Locke says Filmer misinterprets Bible, God gave it to all, maximized, not only Adam!
 All men are equal and born free!

Government's role is to preserve the rights natural law afforded us;
life, liberty, property
 "fruits of your labor"

is vs. ought to be → Science vs. Philosophy (not religion)

Need for causality (Day → Night? X)

(Errors in philosophy are ridiculous, Errors in religion are dangerous)

Teleological Argument
 watchmaker or creator
 either designed or fully random!?
 why only two options? ⇒ natural selection
 "A wise man always proportion his beliefs to the evidence"

Even if soul exists, is it immortal?
 Even if immortal, why are we here?
 (as we don't care our mother's being immortal?)

"Custom is the great guide of human life"

AET
 Standard of Taste

Without a government / sovereign

State of Nature (dog eat dog)

Social Contract

Self-Preservation ultimate goal

Leviathan

strong authority to avoid civil war

An absolute sovereign is needed to secure a society

Principal Causes of Quarrel

- Competition (Gain)
- Diffidence (Safety)
- Gloory (reputation)