

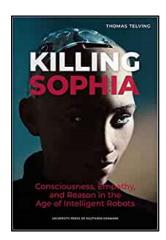




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## **Ethics & Moral Philosophy**



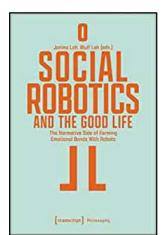
#### **Killing Sophia**

**Thomas Telving** 

Humanlike robots and digital humans are both fun and useful in many situations. But the more we interact with technology with human traits, the more we believe it to possess real human characteristics like consciousness and personality. As a new breed of artificial beings enters society on a large scale, many of us will start believing they deserve moral consideration and perhaps even rights.

In this entertaining and humorously written book, Thomas Telving argues that even though the above scenario is close to inevitable, we should still do all we can to avoid it. Presenting us with thought-provoking future scenarios, state of the art scientific research, and engaging philosophical reflections, he shows us how to avoid some of the scariest pitfalls of human-like technology.

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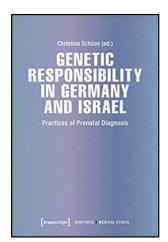
## Social Robotics and the Good Life - The Normative Side of Forming Emotional Bonds With Robots

Edited by Janina Loh, Wulf Loh

Robots as social companions in close proximity to humans have a strong potential of becoming more and more prevalent in the coming years, especially in the realms of elder day care, child rearing, and education. As human beings, we have the fascinating ability to emotionally bond with various counterparts, not exclusively with other human beings, but also with animals, plants, and sometimes even objects.

Therefore, we need to answer the fundamental ethical questions that concern human-robot-interactions per se, and we need to address how we conceive of "good lives", as more and more of the aspects of our daily lives will be interwoven with social robots.

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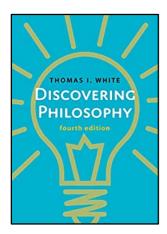


# **Genetic Responsibility in Germany and Israel - Practices of Prenatal Diagnosis** Edited by Christina Schües

Prenatal diagnosis, especially non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT), has changed the experience of pregnancy, prenatal care and responsibilities in Israel and Germany in different ways. These differences reflect the countries' historical legacies, medico-legal policies, normative and cultural identities.

Building on this observation, the contributors of this book present conversations between leading scholars from Israel and Germany based on an empirical bioethical perspective, analyses about the reshaping of 'life' by biomedicine, and philosophical reflections on socio-cultural claims and epistemic horizons of responsibilities. Practices and discussions of reproductive medicine transform the concepts of responsibility and irresponsibility.

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#### **Discovering Philosophy**

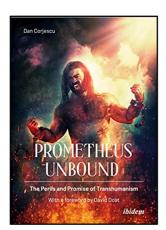
Thomas I. White

Are we free or determined? Are things really the way they appear to be? What's the difference between right and wrong? Can God's existence be demonstrated? Discovering Philosophy looks at these and other fundamental questions that have bedevilled thinkers for centuries. Designed for students who are more comfortable with secondary than primary sources, Discovering Philosophy is both accessible and intellectually challenging.

While it examines the ideas of traditional philosophers, it also considers perspectives that have historically been underrepresented (feminist philosophers and Native American thought), draws examples from popular culture, and considers cutting-edge philosophical questions raised by scientific discoveries (are dolphins nonhuman persons with rights?). Each chapter includes discussion questions, boxed highlights, and suggestions for further reading.

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### **History Of Western Philosophy**



## **Prometheus Unbound - The Perils and Promise of Transhumanism**

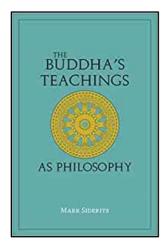
Dan Corjescu

This book engages critically with some of the major assumptions of prominent Transhumanists such as Nick Bostrom of Oxford University and Stefan Sorgner of John Cabot University at Rome. More broadly, questions concerning the complex relationships between society, technology, and ethics are widely explored. Major thinkers such as St. Augustine, Nietzsche, Bertrand Russell, and C. S. Lewis are enlisted to highlight and support the major arguments presented by the author.

The book aims at a general readership interested in the current claims and possible outcomes of the Transhumanist and Post humanist movement. It strikes a cautionary note about humanity's reliance on emerging technologies, particularly their potential to enhance and, eventually transform, human life span, cognition, and emotion.

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## **Oriental & Indian Philosophy**



#### The Buddha's Teachings As Philosophy

**Mark Siderits** 

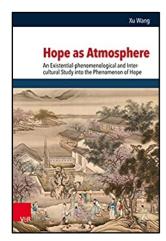
A shorter and less technical treatment of its subject than the author's acclaimed Buddhism As Philosophy (second edition, Hackett, 2021), Mark Siderits's The Buddha's Teachings As Philosophy explores three different systems of thought that arose from core claims of the Buddha.

By detailing and critically examining key arguments made by the Buddha and developed by later Buddhist philosophers, Siderits investigates the Buddha's teachings as philosophy: a set of claims - in this case, claims about the nature of the world and our place in it - supported by rational argumentation and, here, developed with a variety of systematic results. The Buddha's Teachings As Philosophy will be especially useful to students of philosophy, religious studies, and comparative religion - to anyone, in fact, encountering Buddhist philosophy for the first time.

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## **Phenomenology & Existentialism**



# Hope as Atmosphere - An Existential-phenomenological and Inter-cultural Study into the Phenomenon of Hope

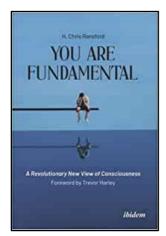
Xu Wang

In this thesis, the phenomenon of fundamental hope is understood as atmosphere. As a metaphor, hope as atmosphere finds a new expression of hope other than the light-metaphor that dominates the discourse of hope. Hope is not only the light that illuminates the dark moments of life, but also, more fundamentally, in the air, it lies in the sphere in-between and saturates each life experience and every living moment.

As an existential reality, hope as atmosphere reveals our hopeful way of atmospheric coexistence. Communal love constitutes the ground of this hopeful co-existence, it keeps the hopeful co-existence constantly refreshed and open, guaranteeing more possibilities of hope. On the basis of communal love, hopeful co-existence shows its ontological meaning as a way towards life. The thesis of hope as atmosphere finds resonance and expression not only in Christian trinitarianly based understanding of hope, but also in the most central doctrine of co-humanity in Confucianism.

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### **General Philosophy**



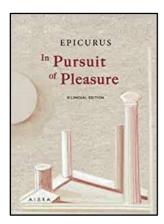
#### You Are Fundamental - A Revolutionary New View of Consciousness

Chris H Ransford

Most studies of consciousness proceed from a standpoint where external reality already preexists. As such, these studies would be inherently unable to recognise it if consciousness in fact arose at the same level where reality itself takes its source -- at the level where wave functions collapse and thereby generate the fabric of material reality. At the same time, a number of compelling contemporary interpretations of physics strongly hint that consciousness must most likely be a fundamental constituent of reality, that it cannot be emergent, and that the role of the brain is limited to the harnessing, optimisation, and deployment of consciousness within material reality -- aka the realm of collapsed wave functions.

This view seems to be also supported by a range of credible observations made by a number of credible professionals who operate at the margins of studies of consciousness, such as psychiatrists, who occasionally observe puzzling cases involving unusual phenomena related to consciousness. If we back-engineer the inevitable macroscopic consequences of a consciousness born at the same level as the building blocks of physical reality itself, we discover that such marginal phenomena become then fully explainable. The book offers readers new insights into interpretations of current research in physics and enables readers without a background in physics to understand the implications and their relevance to our understanding of consciousness.

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#### In Pursuit of Pleasure

**Epicurus** 

Greek philosopher Epicurus defined philosophy as 'a daily business of speech and thought to secure happiness'. He believed happiness to be the goal of human life and thought it could be achieved by pursuing pleasure. However, the Epicurean philosophy was then and still is now often erroneously interpreted as promoting hedonism. Rather, Epicurus considered pleasure to be connected to virtue not excess or sensual self-indulgence.

This volume contains Cyril Bailey's masterly, classic translations of the most important surviving writing of Epicurus -- the Letter to Menoeceus, the Principal Doctrines and the Vatican Sayings - and offers the contemporary reader a comprehensive overview of Epicurean ethics, his philosophy on what matters in life and how we should live.

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## **Philosophy: Aesthetics**

Noël Carrol

## Classics in Western Philosophy of Art

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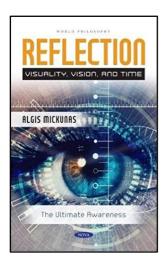
#### Classics in Western Philosophy of Art - Major Themes and Arguments Noël Carroll

In this synthetic introduction to the history of the philosophy of art, Noël Carroll elucidates and analyses selected writings on art by Plato, Aristotle, Hutcheson, Hume, Kant, Hegel, Schopenhauer, Tolstoy, and Bell. Carroll's narrative tracks developments between major positions in philosophy of art, ranging from the idea that art is unavoidably embedded in society to the evolution of the notion that art is autonomous ("art for art's sake"), thereby setting the stage for continuing debates in the philosophy of art.

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## Philosophy: Metaphysics & Ontology



# Reflection: Visuality, Vision, and Time The Ultimate Awareness

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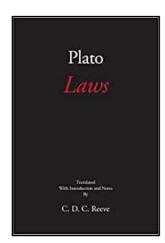
Events in the contemporary world are available through a great variety of media and most of them consist of images, seemingly reflecting some "reality". Yet there is no clear understanding what constitutes reflection, image, cultural symbolic designs and who is the reflecting Self.

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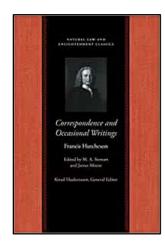
#### Laws

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## Western Philosophy: C 1600 To C 1900



#### **Correspondence & Occasional Writings of Francis Hutcheson**

Francis Hutcheson

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These letters and occasional writings exhibit his polemical skills in controversy, his differences with Presbyterian orthodoxy, his preoccupation with religious and intellectual liberty, and his loyalty and lasting affection for his friends. Hutcheson engaged in extensive public polemics, not least to defend his major works but also to promote other causes.

These incidental writings provide valuable insight into Hutcheson's more substantial treatises. His private correspondence and such documents as his will and the declaration he made upon becoming a professor at the University of Glasgow give the reader an impression of Hutcheson's personality and his various life experiences.

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