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Leibniz states that "metaphysics is natural theology". This is especially true of his metaphysics of modality. In this book, Michael V. Griffin examines the deep connection between the two and the philosophical consequences which follow from it. Griffin develops a new interpretation of the ontological argument in Leibniz and Descartes. This interpretation demonstrates that their understanding of God's necessary existence cannot be construed in contemporary modal logic terms. He goes on to develop a necessitarian interpretation of Leibniz, arguing that Leibniz, like Spinoza, is committed to the thesis that everything actual is metaphysically necessary, but that Leibniz grounds his position in God's moral perfection. His book will appeal to scholars of early modern philosophy and philosophers interested in modal metaphysics and the philosophy of religion.

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Abbreviations

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A	*Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz: Sämtliche Schriften und Briefe*. Darmstadt, Leipzig and Berlin: Akademie der Wissenschaften, 1923–. Cited by series, volume and page number.
AG	Leibniz, *Philosophical Essays*, trans. and ed. Roger Ariew and Daniel Garber. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1989.
Arthur	Leibniz, *The Labyrinth of the Continuum: Writings on the Continuum Problem, 1672–1686,* trans., ed. and with an introduction by Richard T. W. Arthur. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2001.
AT	*Oeuvres de Descartes*, ed. C. Adam and P. Tannery. Paris: Cerf, 1897–1913. Cited by volume and page number.
C	*Opuscules et fragments inédits de Leibniz*, ed. Louis Couturat. Paris: Alcan, 1903. Phototypical reprint, Hildesheim: Georg Olms, 1966.
CD	*Causa Dei*, Latin appendix to Leibniz's *Theodicy*. Cited by section number.
CSM	*The Philosophical Writings of Descartes*, vols. I and II, trans. and ed. John Cottingham, Robert Stoothoff and Dugald Murdoch. Cambridge University Press, 1985. Cited by volume and page number.

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CSMK	*The Philosophical Writings of Descartes*, vol. III, *The Correspondence*, trans. and ed. John Cottingham, Robert Stoothoff, Dugald Murdoch and Anthony Kenny. Cambridge University Press, 1991.
DPG	Leibniz, *Dissertation on Predestination and Grace*, trans. and ed. Michael J. Murray. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2011. Cited by section number.
DM	Leibniz, *Discours de métaphysique*, A 6.4.1529–88, numerous English translations. Cited by section number.
DSR	Leibniz, *De Summa Rerum: Metaphysical Writings, 1675–1676*, trans. and ed. G. H. R. Parkinson. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1992.
FB	Leibniz, *Réfutation Inédite de Spinoza*, ed. A. Foucher de Careil. Paris, 1854.
Geb	*Spinoza Opera*, ed. Carl Gebhardt. Heidelberg: Carl Winters, 1925. Cited by volume and page number.
GLW	*Briefwechsel zwischen Leibniz und Christian Wolff*, ed. C. J. Gerhardt. Halle, 1860.
GP	*Die Philosophischen Schriften von G. W. Leibniz*, 7 vols., ed. C. J. Gerhardt. Berlin: Weidmann, 1875–90. Cited by volume and page number.
Grua	Leibniz, *Textes inédits d'après les manuscrits de la Bibliothèque provinciale de Hanovre*, 2 vols., with continuous pagination, ed. Gaston Grua. Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 1948. Phototypical reprint, New York and London: Garland, 1985. Cited by volume and page number.
L	Leibniz, *Philosophical Papers and Letters*. Trans. and ed. Leroy E. Loemker. Dordrecht: D. Reidel, 1969.
LA	*The Leibniz–Arnauld Correspondence*, GP II, 1–138, trans. H. T. Mason. Manchester University Press, 1967. Cited by page number in GP II (included in the margins of Mason). Translations are from Stephen Voss's forthcoming edition of the correspondence in the Yale Leibniz series.
LC	*Correspondance Leibniz–Clarke présentée d'après les manuscrits originaux des bibliothèques de Hanovre et de Londres*, ed. André Robinet. Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 1957.
LDB	*The Leibniz-Des Bosses Correspondence*. Trans. and ed. Brandon C. Look and Donald Rutherford. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2007.

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Mon	Leibniz, *Principes de la nature et del la grâce fondés en raison/Principes de la philosophie ou Monadologie,* publiés intégralement d'après les manuscrits d'Hanover, Vienne et Paris et présentés d'après des Lettres inédites par André Robinet. Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 1986. Translations in AG, L and MP. Cited by section number.
MP	Leibniz, *Philosophical Writings*, trans. and ed. Mary Morris and G. H. R. Parkinson. London: Dent, 1973.
NE	Leibniz, *Nouveaux essais sur l'entendement humain.* English translation*: New Essays on the Human Understanding*, trans. Jonathan Bennett and Peter Remnant. Cambridge University Press, 1996. Cited by page number in A 6.6 (included in the margins of Remnant and Bennett).
P	*Leibniz: Logical Papers*, trans. and ed. G. H. R. Parkinson. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1966.
RML	*Malebranche et Leibniz: Relations personnelles*, ed. André Robinet. Paris: Vrin, 1955.
S	*Leibniz: Monadology and Other Philosophical Essays*, trans. and ed. Paul Schrecker. New York: Macmillan, 1965.
Sleigh	Leibniz, *Confessio Philosophi: Papers Concerning the Problem of Evil, 1671–1678*, trans. and ed. Robert C. Sleigh. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992.
SLT	*The Shorter Leibniz Texts: A Collection of New Translations*, trans. and ed. Lloyd H. Strickland. London: Continuum, 2006.
T	Leibniz, *Essais de Théodicée*, GP VI, 1–436. English translation: *Theodicy*, trans. E. M. Huggard. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1952. Reprinted, LaSalle, IL: Open Court, 1985. Cited by section number.
VE	*Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz. Vorausedition zur Reihe VI Philosophischen Schriften der Ausgabe der Akademie der Wissenschaften Berlin*. Ten fascicules with continuous pagination.

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