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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CD  Causa Dei, Latin appendix to Leibniz's Theodicy. Cited by section number.


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VE  *Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz. Vorauseditor zur Reihe vi Philosophischen Schriften der Ausgabe der Akademie der Wissenschaften Berlin*. Ten fascicules with continuous pagination.