

PREFACE

PAI	RT ONE ETHICS	X
1	Basing Ethics on Human Nature Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics	3
2	Stoic Doctrine of Acquiescence Epictetus, Discourses	13
3	The Categorical Imperative Immanuel Kant, The Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysics of Morals	16
4	The Utilitarian Calculus of Pain and Pleasure John Stuart Mill, What Utilitarianism Is	30
5	Turning Values Upside Down Friedrich Nietzsche, Beyond Good and Evil, The Twilight of Idols, and The Will to Power	45
6	Is the Will Free? William James, The Dilemma of Determinism B. F. Skipper, Walden Two	55



7	A Positivist Polemic A. J. Ayer, Language, Truth, and Logic	70
8	An Existential Ethic Jean-Paul Sartre, Existentialism and Humanism	78
PA	RT TWO POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	
9	The Natural Basis of Society Aristotle, Politics	99
10	The Moral Dimensions of Law Saint Thomas Aquinas, Treatise on Law	107
11	The Basis of Sovereign Authority Thomas Hobbes, De Cive	112
12	Natural Rights and Civil Society John Locke, Second Treatise on Civil Government	123
13	Forcing Men to Be Free Jean-Jacques Rousseau, The Social Contract	136
14	The Individual and the Limits of State Power John Stuart Mill, On Liberty	144
15	The Clash of Class Interests: Alienation Karl Marx, The Communist Manifesto Karl Marx, Alienated Labor	149
16	Justice as Fairness John Rawls, A Theory of Justice	164
17	Moral Constraints and the State Robert Nozick, Anarchy, State, and Utopia	171
PAI	RT THREE RELIGION	
18	The Ontological Argument Saint Anselm, <i>Proslogium</i>	189
19	Proving God's Existence from Experience Saint Thomas Aquinas, The Five Ways	195
20	Evil and the Proof from Design David Hume, Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion	198
21	Love of God as the Highest Good Saint Augustine, Morals of the Catholic Church and The City of God	204

CONTENTS

ix

22	Religion versus the Religious John Dewey, A Common Faith	213
23	The Seriousness of Making Choices Søren Kierkegaard, Either/Or	220
24	Concerning Life after Death Plato, Phaedo David Hume, Of the Immortality of the Soul Søren Kierkegaard, Concluding Unscientific Postscript	223
PAI	RT FOUR THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE	
25	The Ascent to True Knowledge Plato, Republic and Meno	237
26	Scepticism and the Postponement of Certainty Sextus Empiricus, Outlines of Pyrrhonism	249
27	Certainty and the Limits of Doubt René Descartes, Meditations	256
28	Empiricism and the Limits of Knowledge David Hume, Inquiry Concerning Human Knowledge	265
29	How Knowledge Is Possible Immanuel Kant, Critique of Pure Reason	274
30	Pragmatism and the Enterprise of Knowing William James, What Pragmatism Means	285
31	Verification and Knowledge A. J. Ayer, Language, Truth, and Logic	292
PAI	RT FIVE METAPHYSICS	
32	Matter and Space the Basis of All Things Lucretius, On the Nature of Things	301
33	Consciousness, Not Matter, the True Reality George Berkeley, <i>Dialogues</i>	312
34	Materialism and the Cause of Change Dialectical and Historical Materialism	329
35	Vital versus Static Realty Henri Bergson, An Introduction to Metaphysics	337
36	Understanding the Cosmos Bertrand Russell, My Present View of the World	347

	2	Ś	
)	Š	4	

CONTENTS

37	7 Nature beyond the Grasp of Science		
	Alfred North Whitehead, Science and the Modern World		

A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

•

355

B1