

British Philosophy

+ its political aspects
+ a little bit more

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George Berkeley
1685-1753
(Bishop Berkeley)

Irish - Anglo



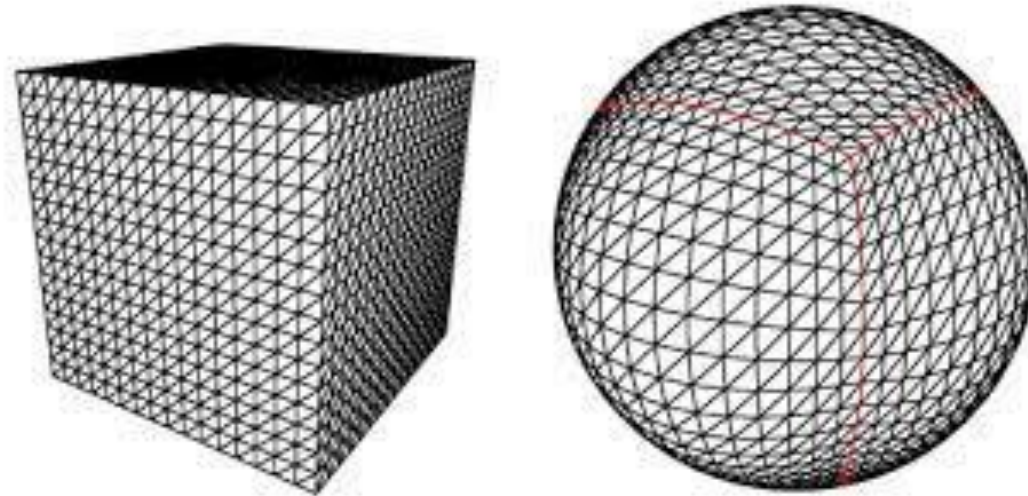
A brilliant critic of his predecessors, particularly Descartes,
Malebranche, and Locke

Reality consists exclusively of minds and their ideas: Anti - materialism

Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge
Three Dialogues between Hylas and Philonous (Dialogues)

Molyneux's problem

Born blind buddy



if a man born blind can feel the differences between shapes such as spheres and cubes, could he, if given the ability to see, distinguish those objects by sight alone, in reference to the tactile schemata he already possessed?



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All we see depends on mind,

In the next book, The principles of the human knowledge, is **defeats** the presumption of **existence of sensible things**





Moon illusion

1. We don't see the sizes immediately,
2. The intermediate thing through which we can judge about the sizes should be understood itself,
3. We don't have any sensory perception about the lines and reflected angles,
4. Therefore we don't judge about size by natural geometry.



Why is it important for us?
The genuine reality material or the idea?
Is there any genuine truth?

Empiricism vs. idealism,
Mind-dependent empiricism



A-materialism:

We can fantasy the ideas that can exist by itself independently:

No “triangle” can be imagined as a concept.

There is no general concept
“material” as an idea

Idealism vs. empiricism?

A-materialistic empiricism



Any perception of “material” is meaningless and self-contradictory
There is no substance: there are primary qualities like dimensions, hardness, form etc.

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No quality can exist inside a senseless and mindless substance
What we perceive immediately is only idea which are similar to the physical qualities (not general ideas)

There are only two existences: mind and idea

Lonliness or belief in God
God is not “creator” only, it creates continuously



Thanks for your attention.