Catalogue One Hundred and One
17th and 18th century
Philosophy & Theology

Books from the Library of John Stephens
Part One (A-J)

November 2018
please email orders to:
catalogues@kenspelman.com
It is a pleasure to introduce this the first of two catalogues of the library of John Stephens (1948-2006). A few words about his life and work may be shed some light on the nature and range of John’s extensive collection.

John was the only child of Welsh parents from Clydach in West Glamorgan. They were Welsh speaking and Welsh was John’s first language until the age of five when his parents moved to Ashford. From his primary school in Ashford John gained a scholarship to the City of London School. From there he went to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, where he studied history, with an emphasis in Part 2 on the history of philosophy. He continued his studies at postgraduate level and was awarded an MLitt.

Book collecting was in John’s blood for he had begun at the age of ten. On leaving Cambridge, He joined the John Rylands Library as a trainee in rare-book librarianship. He then had a short period of service with the Inland Revenue before joining, in 1977, Robin Waterfield’s Antiquarian Booksellers as a cataloguer of rare books. John was always on hand there with helpful advice and encouragement especially for young scholars. Many a collection may have begun with a purchase from Waterfield’s, for John’s enthusiasm for book collecting was infectious. He became a director of the firm in 1979 and in 1988 its owner.

John was a member of a dying breed, the scholar bookseller. He soon gained a reputation for his expertise most notably in eighteenth-century history of religion and of philosophy, and many academics sought his
advice and enlisted his help. He contributed ten entries to the new Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (2004) mainly of Dissenting ministers and Churchmen. He had a more than adequate preparation for that task, when, as a co-editor of the invaluable Dictionary of Eighteenth-century British Philosophers (2 vols.,1999), he wrote over seventy entries. The dictionary was subsequently incorporated into The Continuum Encyclopaedia of British Philosophy (4 vols, 2006) for which John was a consultant editor. His entries ranged from major figures such as Richard Price and Joseph Priestley, on whom he had already published several articles, to ones so neglected that he must have been the first to read them since the eighteenth century.

The result of his work and of the dictionary generally is a considerable expansion of our knowledge of philosophical preoccupations and debate, and a much clearer location of the major figures within the thought of the time. Through his interest in Price, John came to know D.O. Thomas (‘D.O’) and they became friends and regular correspondents. John was an invaluable editorial adviser and contributor to the journal Enlightenment and Dissent, co-founded by D.O. in 1982. He also joined D.O. and P.A.L. Jones in completing the Bibliography of Richard Price (1993). The numerous editions of Price’s Observations on the Nature of Civil Liberty (1776) constitute something of a bibliographical nightmare, but together they cracked the sequence of their publication – of thirty two editions in all. John played a key role in tracing the institutional locations of Price’s works, and wherever possible he examined the editions he had traced.

He followed this with researching the bibliography of Joseph Priestley, a mammoth task which he had almost completed before his death. All these virtues were on show in his last work, a genuine labour of love, the catalogue of the library of D.O. Thomas, a fitting testament to a most fruitful friendship and collaboration, and to John’s historical expertise and unrivalled bibliographical skills. All these elements are on show in this catalogue of John’s own library.

Do enjoy and be tempted.

Martin Fitzpatrick

[adapted from Martin Fitzpatrick’s obituary of John Stephens which was published in The Independent, 4th April 2006.]

8vo. printed for Henry Clements, at the Half-Moon in St. Paul’s Church-Yard. 1709. £35.00


8vo. printed by E. Say in Ave-Mary-Lane; and sold by R. Dodsley in Pall-Mall, M. Cooper in Pater-Noster-Row, and J. Cotton in Shrewsbury. 1752. £350.00

~ William Adams (1706?-1789) was a Fellow and Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, and a friend of Samuel Johnson. When David Hume first published his attack on the reasonableness of belief in miracles in his Philosophical Essays in 1748, the work provoked a great number of replies of varying quality. Adams’s work was one of the earliest and ablest rejoinders to Hume’s attack. Adams pursued Hume courteously (Hume is said to have remarked that Adams had treated him better than he deserved) but also relentlessly, reading him closely, criticizing his reasoning, and rebutting him point by point.
3. [ANNET, Peter]. A Collection of the Tracts of a Certain Free Enquirer, noted by his sufferings for his opinions. [4], 460pp. First edition. Nineteenth century half calf, marbled boards, later plain re-spine, corners worn. The author’s name and imprint date have been added by hand on the title-page. ESTC T139700. 8vo. [London, s.n., 1750?]. £320.00

~ Peter Annet (1693-1769), English deist, is said to have been born at Liverpool. A schoolmaster by profession, he became prominent owing to his attacks on orthodox theologians, and his membership of a semi-theological debating society, the Robin Hood Society, which met at the “Robin Hood and Little John” in Butcher Row. In 1763 he was condemned for blasphemous libel in his paper called the *Free Enquirer*. After his release he kept a small school in Lambeth, one of his pupils being James Stephen (1758-1832), who became master in Chancery. Annet died on the 18th of January 1769. He stands between the earlier philosophic deists and the later propagandists of Paine’s school, and “seems to have been the first free-thought

The initial leaf bears the printed note: “The publisher has made some mistakes in the order of the following pamphlets. However, the only material one is, that Supernaturals Considered, ought to have been placed after the pamphlets upon the Resurrection.”

4. [ANNET, Peter]. The Resurrection of Jesus considered; in answer to The Tryal of the Witnesses: by a moral philosopher. [4], viii, 99, [1]p. Disbound. 8vo. printed for the author, [1743?]. £45.00

~ ESTC T65034. The Tryal of the Witnesses is by Thomas Sherlock.

5. ANNETT, Peter. Lectures on the Following Subjects, viz. I. Introductory lecture. II. On Consideration and Social Conversation. III. On Pure and False Religion. IV. Containing a Proposal to unite all true Protestants in one Principle, and form a Society of United Protestants in order to vanquish Popery. V. An Endeavour to keep the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace. VI. Against Popery. VII. Ibid. VIII. Of Infallibility. IX. On Mortification. X. Ibid. XI. Of the Light within. XII. Of Spiritual Understanding. XIII. Of the Word of God. [2], 146pp. Lacks the portrait, and marginal repairs to the first and last leaves. Maidstone Library label on the inner board, and withdrawn stamp to verso of the title-page. Modern library cloth backed boards. Scarce. ESTC T31419. 8vo. printed for J. Smith, at the Royal Exchange, [1769?]. £35.00


~ This is sometimes attributed to Thomas Gordon.
7. ANON. A Week’s Preparation for Solemnizing the Thirtieth of January. [6], 26; 30; 12pp. Disbound, Some wear to the inner edge of the title-page, and occasional foxing. 8vo. printed: and sold by S. Popping. 1718. £40.00

~ ESTC T79490. BL, Oxford; UCLA, Harvard, Yale.

8. ANON. The Lay-Man’s pleas for Separation from the Church of England answered: Wherein the Arguments of a late Pamphlet, Entitled Lay-Nonconformity Justified, are Examin’d and Censur’d. In a Dialogue between a Gentleman in the Communion of the Church of England, who was formerly a Dissenter; and his Friend, who was Educated in the Communion of the Church, but has since left it. [8], 64, 57-72, 65-80pp. Disbound. ESTC T58062. 8vo. printed for H. Parker. 1717. £50.00

Tutor to Joseph Priestley


~ Caleb Ashworth (1722-1775), was a dissenting tutor. He settled in Daventry, and the Academy there became a leading seat of culture among liberal independents and presbyterians. His most distinguished scholar was Joseph Priestley, who wrote that Ashworth took ‘the orthodox side of every question’ in theology and philosophy.

8vo. printed [by Samuel Richardson] for J. Pemberton, at the Golden Buck against St. Dunstan’s Church in Fleetstreet. 1734. £50.00


8vo. printed for J. and H. Pemberton, at the Golden Buck against St. Dunstan’s Church in Fleetstreet. 1741. £50.00

12. [BAXTER, Andrew]. An Enquiry into the Nature of the Human Soul; wherein the immateriality of the soul is evinced from the principles of reason and philosophy. First edition. [12], 376pp. Some light browning. Full contemporary calf, upper joint cracked but firm, head and tail of the spine worn, and lacks the label. Scarce, the last copy to appear in auction records was 2004.

4to. printed by James Bettenham, for the author. 1733.

£195.00

~ ESTC T32759. The preliminary leaves contain an ‘Advertisement to the reader’ and four leaves of ‘Subscribers names’.
Andrew Baxter argues that all matter is inherently inactive, and that the soul and an omnipotent divine spirit are the animating principles of all life. In making this argument, Baxter is rejecting the beliefs of more atheistic and materialist thinkers such as Thomas Hobbes and Baruch Spinoza, as well as the immaterialist philosopher and clergyman George Berkeley, who believed that existence is not in the physical body, but in the capability of being perceived.

13. BAXTER, Andrew. An Enquiry into the Nature of the Human Soul; wherein the immateriality of the soul is evinced from the principles of reason and philosophy. The second edition. Two volumes. [4], 436pp; [4], 440pp. A clean copy bound in full contemporary sprinkled calf, gilt panelled spines. Joints cracked but firm, slight wear to the head and tail of the spines, and one title label lacking. ESTC N9213. 8vo. printed [by James Bettenham] for the author: and sold by A. Millar over-against St. Clement’s Church in the Strand. 1737.  

£180.00
An Enquiry into the Nature of the Human Soul was first published in 1733, and enlarged for this second edition. Andrew Baxter argues that all matter is inherently inactive, and that the soul and an omnipotent divine spirit are the animating principles of all life. In making this argument, Baxter is rejecting the beliefs of more atheistic and materialist thinkers such as Thomas Hobbes and Baruch Spinoza, as well as the immaterialist philosopher and clergyman George Berkeley, who believed that existence is not in the physical body, but in the capability of being perceived.

14. BAXTER, Andrew. An Appendix to the first part of The Enquiry into the Nature of the Human Soul, wherein the principles laid down there, are cleared from some objections; and the Government of the Deity in the material World is vindicated, or shewn not to be carried on by Mechanism and second Causes. [2] advert, x, 240, 245-280pp., 2 folding engraved plates. Contemporary calf, worn, upper board detached, lacks the label. The Signet Library copy, with withdrawn label to the inner front board. 8vo. printed for the author, and sold by A. Millar. 1750. £50.00

15. [BAYES, Thomas]. Divine Benevolence: or, an attempt to prove that the principal end of the divine providence and government is the happiness of his creatures: being an answer to a Pamphlet, entitled, Divine rectitude; or, An Inquiry concerning the Moral Perfections of the Deity. With a refutation of the notions therein advanced concerning beauty and order, the Reason of Punishment, and the Necessity of a State of Trial antecedent to perfect Happiness. 75, [1]p advert. Disbound. ESTC T17797. Written by Thomas Bayes in answer to John Balguy’s ‘Divine Rectitude’. 8vo. printed for John Noon, at the White-Hart in Cheapside, near Mercers-Chapel. 1731. £45.00

~ The first collected edition of Beattie’s essays, all of which appear here for the first time except for On the Nature and Immutability of Truth, which first appeared separately in 1770.


~ ESTC T470740, BL, Oxford; UCLA only. Not in Alston. The first octavo edition published in the same year as the one volume quarto edition.

18. BEAUMONT, Joseph. Some Observations upon the Apologie of Dr Henry More for his Mystery of Godliness. By J. Beaumont master of St Peters Coll. and Chaplain in Ordinary to His Majesty. [2], 194, [2]pp errata. Old pale grease stain to the title-page which is also a little creased along the leading edge. Lacks the end-papers. Contemporary blind ruled calf, joints cracked but firm, corners worn, and surface leather rather pitted, and with small area of wear on the back cover. Scarce. ESTC R18002. 4to. Cambridge: printed by John Field, printer to the University, 1665. £240.00
~ A reply to the final section of More’s “A Modest Enquiry into the Mystery of Iniquity”.


£50.00

~ Edward Bentham, (1707-1776), was a Fellow of Oriel College and became a canon of Christ Church, Oxford in 1754, and was Regius Professor of Divinity from 1763 until his death. He was a distant relative of Jeremy Bentham, who was a student at Queen’s College, Oxford while Edward was teaching there. The two Benthams dined together on occasion.

His Introduction to Moral Philosophy (1745), designed for the use of students, is a good, clear account of contemporary discussions; it has an extensive list of topics with recommended reading for each, as well as a long list of authors in moral philosophy. It ends with lists of questions which appeared in examinations at Oxford.

21. BENTLEY, Richard. Eight Sermons preach’d at the Honourable Robert Boyle’s lecture, in the first year MDCXCII. By Richard Bentley, M.A. The sixth edition. To which are added, three sermons: One at the Public Commencement, July 5. 1696. when he proceeded Doctor in Divinity; another before the University, Nov. 5. 1715. and one before his late Majesty King George I. Feb. 3. 17=16/17. [8], 396pp. Contemporary panelled calf, upper board detached, spine worn and lower joint cracked. Ownership signature of T. Money Col: Caius; later armorial book-plate. ESTC T114197. 8vo. Cambridge: printed by M. Fenner for W. Thurlbourn. 1735. £95.00
8vo. Cambridge: printed by J. Bentham Printer to the University, for W. Thurlbourn Bookseller in Cambridge; and sold by Messieurs Knaptons, Manby, and Beecroft, in London. 1743.
£45.00
~ Part two has the edition statement: “The eighth edition” and part three: “The second edition”. One of the best-known responses to Anthony Collins’s Discourse of Free-Thinking. “Bentley destroyed any pretensions of Collins to thorough scholarship, exposed many gross blunders, and claimed Collins’s principle of free inquiry as his own and that of all the orthodox believers.” [D.N.B.]

23. BERKELEY, George. Three Dialogues between Hylas and Philonous. The design of which is plainly to demonstrate the reality and perfection of human knowledge, the incorporeal nature of the soul, and the immediate providence of a deity: in opposition to sceptics and atheists. Also to open a method for rendring the sciences more easy, useful, and compendious. The second edition. [10], 166pp. Some light browning to the margins of a few leaves. Contemporary panelled calf, neatly rebacked, corners worn. Ownership signature of John ? on title-page. ESTC T77982.
8vo. printed for William and John Innys. 1725.
£295.00
~ A re-issue of the first edition of 1713 of Berkeley’s major work of metaphysics, second in importance only to his “Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge”. It constitutes a popularized version of the “Treatise”, written as a dialogue between Hylas (thought to represent the views of John Locke), and Philonous (Berkeley’s voice).

8vo. printed for J. Tonson in the Strand, 1732.
£195.00
~ A mixed set. Volume I inscribed, (not in Berkeley’s hand), “Given by the Author.” Volume II has the book-plate of Patrick Home, Earl of Marchmont, 1702. The first edition of Berkeley’s attempt at the refutation of the current forms of free-thinking, written while he was a resident in America.

8vo. printed for J. and R. Tonson and S. Draper in the Strand. 1752.
£75.00

8vo. Dublin: printed for Thomas Watson, Bookseller, at the Poets Heads in Caple-Street. 1755.
£65.00

From the library of the Governor of New York.

8vo. Dublin printed, London re-printed, for W. Innys, and C. Hitch, in Pater-noster-row; and C. Davis in Holborn. 1744.
£180.00

29. [BLACKBURNE, Francis]. The Confessional: or, a full and free inquiry into the right, utility, edification, and success, of establishing systematical confessions of faith and doctrine in protestant churches. The second edition, enlarged: with corrections, and an additional preface in answer to Dr. Rutherforth’s charge. xliii, [1], xciii, [1], 410pp. Contemporary calf, raised and gilt banded spine, red morocco label. Slight crack to lower rear joint, and a little wear to the corners. Book-plate of John Shewell, Clapham Common. 8vo. printed for S. Bladon, in Pater-Noster-Row. 1767. £120.00

~ ESTC T9521. “In this edition the title-page has been reimposed during printing and many of the earlier pages have been carefully reset line for line” (Keynes).
30. [RIDLEY, Glocester]. Three Letters to the Author of the Confessional. [8], 100; [4], 208; [2], 187, [1]p., half-title. Contemporary calf, spine and corners worn, front end paper loose and some browning.
8vo. printed for J. Whiston, at Boyle’s Head. 1768. £75.00


31. [BLACKSTONE, Sir William., and others]. An Interesting Appendix to Sir William Blackstone’s Commentaries on the laws of England. Containing, I. Priestley’s Remarks on some paragraphs in the fourth volume of Blackstone’s Commentaries, relating to the dissenters. II. Blackstone’s Reply to Priestley’s Remarks. III. Priestley’s Answer to Blackstone’s Reply. IV. The case of the late election of the county of Middlesex considered on the principles of the Constitution and the authorities of law. V. Furneaux’s Letters to the Hon. Mr. Justice Blackstone concerning his Exposition of the Act of Toleration, and some positions relative to religious liberty, in his celebrated Commentaries on the laws of England. VI. Authentic copies of the argument of the late Hon. Mr. Justice Foster in the Court of Judges Delegates, and of the speech of the Right Hon. Lord Mansfield in the House of Lords, in the cause between the city of London and the dissenters. [4], iv, [1], 6-119, [1], xii, 155, [1]p advert for Bell’s 1773 printing of Fergusons’s ‘Essay on the History of Civil Society’ and taking subscriptions for an American edition of Blackstone’s Commentaries. Parts I-V have separate title pages. Part V is described as “The second edition, with additions, and an appendix,” and dated MDCCLXXIII on the title page. The appendix to Part V contains the material described on the general title page as comprising Part VI. Some marginal annotations to pages 19-21 of Part II. Some age toning and foxing to the paper. Rebound in half calf, cloth boards, with raised bands and gilt morocco label.
4to. [Philadelphia]: America: printed for the subscribers, by Robert Bell, at the late Union-Library, in Third-Street, Philadelphia. 1772-1773.

£850.00

~ ESTC W13024, Oxford only in the UK.
With the ownership signature of Livingston on the title-page, also Robert P. Lee. There is also an inscription dated St John’s December 1785 on a preliminary blank.

The second printing by Robert Bell of this important and influential commentary on Blackstone, published the year after the first edition. It was Priestley’s first American book, and highlights his controversy with Blackstone over matters of freedom of conscience and religious liberty.

32. BOEHM, Anton Wilhelm. The Life of a Christian: a sermon on the occasion of the death of His Royal Highness Prince George of Denmark, ... who departed this life at Kensington, October the 28th, 1708. preached ... at St. James’s, on the 21st of November following, by Antony William Boehm, ... Now done into English. First English edition. 16pp. Disbound. ESTC T67679. 8vo. printed and sold by Joseph Downing, 1709. £40.00

Boehm was chaplain to Prince George.
“In the last year of Locke’s life the philosopher Anthony Collins wrote to him saying that he was about to publish a book by Samuel Bold. In his reply Locke warned his young friend against do so:

I desire you to stop your hand a little and forbear putting to the press the two discourses you mention they are very touchy subjects at this time and that good man who is the author may for ought know be cripled by those who will be sure to be offended at him right or wrong. (21 February 1704.)

Locke knew from experience what he was talking about. His own discussion of these ‘touchy subjects’ in An Essay Concerning Human Understanding had given offence to prominent critics such as Edward Stillingfleet; if they had not left him ‘cripled’ they had at least caused the last years of his life to be overshadowed by bitter controversy.”

Ref: Nicholas Jolley. Locke’s Touchy Subjects: Materialism and Immortality. 2015.
34. BOLINGBROKE, Henry St John., Viscount. Letters on the Spirit of Patriotism: on the idea of a patriot king: and on the state of parties at the accession of King George the First. 280pp. Full contemporary calf, slight wear to the foot of the spine. Offset browning from the turn-ins to the end-papers, edges of title-page, and the final leaves. ESTC T60956.

8vo. printed for A. Millar. 1752. £95.00

Charity Schools


8vo. printed by Joseph Downing for John Wyat, 1709. £75.00

~ Samuel Bradford advocates a similar position adopted at this time by Jonathan Swift; that the wealthy are only stewards of their money, held in trust for God, and for the use of his brethren.


8vo. printed for L. Davis, and C. Reymers, in Holborn. 1757. £50.00


8vo. printed for C. Davis. 1751. £65.00

~ ESTC T110665. A leaf signed *T and numbered [271] - [272] is inserted between pp.272 and 273 (leaves S8 and T1), apparently completing the text, although the catchword on p.[272] is incorrect.

39. [BROWNE, Peter]. A Letter in Answer to a Book entitled Christianity not Mysterious. As also to all those who set up for reason and evidence in opposition to revelation & mysteries. [4], 231, [1]p errata, and with the initial imprimatur leaf. Some old waterstaining to the final 10 leaves, also evident on some leading edges, the end-papers and the inner boards. Contemporary panelled calf, rebacked in paler calf, not recently. 8vo. Dublin: printed by Joseph Ray in Essex street. 1697. £95.00


A defence of revelation, and an attack on the “sensationalism” perceived by Browne in John Locke’s *Essay on Human Understanding*. Browne denied that the mind could perceive any sensible evidence of its own existence; all the ideas the mind could possess were those of external sensation. John Wesley read the work in 1729, and it had an immediate and lasting effect on him. He wrote a lengthy abstract of the work, and also showed it around to his friends.

41. [BROWNE, Peter]. Things Divine and Supernatural conceived by analogy with things natural and human. By the author of The Procedure, Extent and Limits of Human Understanding. First edition. [4], 554pp. A good clean copy, but the 19th century half calf binding lacks the spine and has the boards detached. ESTC T118954. 8vo. printed for William Innys and Richard Manby. 1733. £75.00

A reply to criticisms levelled at him by George Berkeley, most noticeably in “Alciphron”. Browne defends his belief that the thoughts of the Divinity can only be known to us through analogy and not as they are in themselves.

42. BRYDGES, Henry. A Sermon preach’d before the Queen, at St. James’s Chappel, on Monday, January 31. 1708/9. Being the anniversary of the Martyrdom of King Charles I. By the Honble Henry Brydges, M.A. rector of Broadwell, in Gloucester shire. Publish’d by Her Majesty’s special command. 16pp. Disbound. ESTC T609. 8vo. Printed by G.J. for Jonah Bowyer. 1709. £45.00

43. BUFFIER, Claude. First Truths, and the origin of our opinions, explained: with an enquiry into the sentiments of modern philosophers, Relative to our primary Ideas of Things. Translated from the French of Pere Buffier. To which is prefixed a detection of the plagiarism, concealment, and ingratitude of the Doctors Reid, Beattie, and Oswald. [4], lix, [2], lxvi-lxx, lxx, [1], 438pp., half-title. Part of the index bound at the end of the volume. A good clean copy bound in recent half calf, marbled boards, gilt ruled spine with red morocco label. ESTC T109408. 8vo. printed for J. Johnson, No. 72, St. Paul’s Church-Yard. 1780. £120.00
~ Claude Buffier, French philosopher; b. Warsaw, May 25, 1661; d. Paris, May 17, 1737. His French parents moved to Normandy when he was a child. He studied at Rouen, entered the Jesuits on Sept. 9, 1679, and taught literature at Paris and philosophy and theology at Rouen. He was exiled in 1696 for disputing the Jansenist recommendations of his archbishop, but he justified himself in Rome and returned to Paris in 1701 to work on the Journal de Trévoux until 1731. He wrote widely on religion, philosophy, history, philology, and pedagogy, and was an original, analytical, and penetrating thinker. In his *Traité des Premières Verités* (English tr. 1780) he shows the influence of Descartes, Locke, and Malebranche, but does not follow them. For Buffier, first truths are propositions so evident that they cannot be proved, or refuted, by others more evident.


£180.00

~ Ownership signature of Joseph Butler 1708 pr 2.1. 1/2d. (Not the Bishop), and some early notes and pen stokes to the end-paper and inner front board. Franco Burgersdijk (1590 - 1635) was a Dutch logician at the Universities of Saumur and Leiden. This work was first published in England in 1637, and was widely used at universities to instruct students in the most complex principles of logic.
BURGH, James. The Dignity of Human Nature. Or, a brief Account of the certain and established Means for attaining the true End of our Existence.

I. Of Prudence. II. Of Knowledge. III. Of Virtue. IV. Of Revealed Religion.

By J.B. Master of an Academy at Newington-Green, Middlesex.


£95.00
46. BURKE, Edmund. Reflections on the Revolution in France, and on the proceedings in certain societies in London relative to that event. In a letter intended to have been sent to a gentleman in Paris. The third edition. iv, 364pp. Some foxing. ESTC T46576.
8vo. printed for J. Dodsley, in Pall-Mall. 1790.

bound with...

PRICE, Richard. A Discourse on the Love of our Country, delivered on Nov. 4, 1789, at the meeting-house in the Old Jewry, to the Society for commemorating the revolution in Great Britain. With an appendix, containing the Report of the Committee of the Society: an Account of the Population of France: and the Declaration of Rights by the National Assembly of France. Fourth edition, with additions, Containing Letters and Communications from France, with the Answers to them. xii, 51, [1], 44pp. ESTC R31995.
8vo. printed by George Stafford, for T. Cadell, in the Strand. 1790.

bound with...

BURKE, Edmund. A Letter from Mr. Burke, to a member of the National Assembly; in answer to some objections to his book on French affairs. The fourth edition. [4], 74pp., half-title. Tear to one lower corner, with no loss of text. ESTC T37902.

bound with...

Four titles bound together in contemporary quarter calf, marbled boards with vellum tips, slight wear to the head of the spine.
£220.00

47. [BURKE, Edmund.] A Philosophical Enquiry into the Origin of our Ideas of the Sublime and Beautiful. The fourth edition. With an introductory discourse concerning taste, and several other additions. ix, [7], 342pp.
Some foxing to the end-papers and preliminaries. Full contemporary calf, raised bands, label chipped with slight loss to a corner. ESTC T42251.
8vo. printed for R. and J. Dodsley in Pall-Mall. 1764. £75.00

Contemporary panelled calf, spine worn, and joints cracked. Rather browned and foxed. With signatures of various members of the Mirehouse family dated 1756-1823, and armorial bookplate. ESTC T116192.
8vo. Londini. 1726. £65.00

8vo. Londini. 1727. £65.00

~ ESTC N466, A reissue of the 1726 edition (ESTC T116192) with a cancel title page.

50. SOLD
51. BURTHOGGE, Richard. An Essay upon Reason, and the Nature of Spirits. [6], 280pp., woodcut. Lacks the blank leaf A1, and neat repairs to tears along the leading edge of the title-page. There are some old damp stains, mainly to the right hand margin, some of which have also occasioned paper repairs. Contemporary calf, neatly rebacked. Scarce. 8vo. printed for John Dunton at the Raven in the Poultrey, 1694.

£495.00

~ ESTC R1885. The first edition, dedicated to John Locke, with whom he corresponded. Although Burthogge regarded most cases of witchcraft as false, he could not deny the veracity of some accounts.


£75.00

ESTC T67977. Signed R 1780 on the front-end-paper, and also Jam: Bromfleет, Feb 18th 1783.

~ Joseph Butler is best known for his criticisms of the hedonic and egoistic “selfish” theories associated with Hobbes and Bernard Mandeville. His first three sermons provide a general framework for
his moral philosophy, and Butler argues that self-love and benevolence or virtue, principles that other moral philosophers have seen as in tension, are not only not in tension but mutually supporting when properly understood. The remaining sermons consider a number of key features of moral psychology; self-deception, benevolence, forgiveness, and compassion, and further develop the discussions of self-love and virtue initiated in the first three sermons.

8vo. printed by W. Botham, for James, John and Paul Knapton, at the Crown in Ludgate-Street. 1736. £45.00

54. BUTLER, Joseph. The Analogy of Religion, Natural and Revealed, to the constitution and course of nature. To which are added two brief dissertations: I. Of Personal Identity. II. Of the Nature of Virtue. First edition. [12], 320pp., half-title. A very good wide-margined copy bound in recent full calf, raised bands, green gilt label. ESTC T67971.
4to. printed for James, John and Paul Knapton, at the Crown in Ludgate Street. 1736. £280.00

~ The first edition of Butler’s magnum opus, and one of the major works in the controversy against deism. “Butler’s was an empirical approach, similar to Hume’s, but he held that philosophic scepticism should not entail religious scepticism. Assuming, as the deists were prepared to, that God is the author of nature, there are no
contradictions, obscurities or improbabilities in religious doctrine different in kind from those encountered in science. Thus the religious order and the scientific order are similar in nature, and both show the working of the Supreme Creator.” Printing and the Mind of Man (PMM 193).

55. CAMPBELL, Archibald. An Enquiry into the Original of Moral Virtue wherein it is shewn, (against the author of The Fable of the Bees, &c.) that virtue is founded in the nature of things, is unalterable, and eternal, and the great means of private and publick Happiness. with some reflections on a late book, intitled, An Enquiry into the Original of our Ideas of Beauty and Virtue. [4], xxxii, [24], 546, [2]pp. Contemporary panelled calf, spine dry and worn, corners also worn, and some light age toning to the paper. ESTC T108118.

~ ‘The Fable of the Bees’ is by Bernard de Mandeville, and ‘An Enquiry’ is by Francis Hutcheson. First published as ‘Aret -logia’, 1728, (transliterated from the Greek).

56. [CASWAY, R]. A Miscellaneous Metaphysical Essay: Or, An hypothesis concerning the formation and generation of spiritual and material beings. With their several characteristics and properties, and how far the several surrounding beings partake of either property. To which is added, some thoughts upon creation in general, upon pre-existence, the cabalistic account of the mosaic creation, the formation of Adam, and fall of mankind; and upon the nature of Noah’s deluge. As also upon the dormant state of the soul, from the creation to our birth, and from our death to the resurrection. The whole considered upon the principles of reason, and from the tenor of the revelations in the Holy Scriptures. By an Impartial inquirer after truth. First edition. vi, 294pp., 2 engraved folding plates illustrative of some branches of Cabalistic philosophy. Bound in handsome recent dark blue half calf, gilt panelled spine, red morocco label, marbled boards. The text is rather browned and foxed, but very scarce. ESTC T153560.
8vo. Printed for A. Millar, over against Catharine-street, in the Strand. 1748. £125.00

~ ESTC T144292. Parallel Latin and Greek texts, and not in fact by Cebes.

58. CHANDLER, Samuel. A Review of The History of the Man after God’s own Heart; in which The Falsehoods and Misrepresentations of the Historian are Exposed and Corrected. xxxix, [1], 304pp. A large copy, disbound. 8vo. printed by Samuel Chandler for J. Noon. 1762. £45.00

~ ESTC T63360. ‘The History of the Man after God’s own Heart’ is by Peter Annet, but sometimes attributed to John Noorthouck.

59. CHANDLER, Samuel. The Case of Subscription to Explanatory Articles of Faith, As A Qualification for Admission into the Christian Ministry, Calmly and Impartially Review’d: In Answer to I. A late Pamphlet intituled The Church of England vindicated in requiring Subscription from the Clergy to the XXXIX Articles. II. The Rev. Mr. John White’s Appendix to his Third Letter to a Dissenting Gentleman. To which is added The Speech of the Rev. John Alphonso Turretine, previous to the Abolition of all Subscriptions at Geneva, translated from a Mss. in French. [2], 182pp. 8vo. printed for J. Noon, at the White Hart, in Cheapside; and Jos. Davidson, at the Angle, in the Poultry. 1748.

WHITE, John. A Letter to Mr. Samuel Chandler; being a vindication of some passages in the Three letters to a gentleman dissenting from the Church of England, and the appendix to the third of those Letters concerning subscription. Against his reflections in his late book, entitled, The case of subscription to explanatory articles of faith, as a qualification for admission into the Christian ministry. With some considerations upon the
speech (therein published) of John Alphonso Turretine, previous to the abolition of all subscriptions at Geneva. 73, [1]p advert. ESTC T66073. 8vo. printed for C. Davis, against Gray’s-Inn, in Holborn ; and W. Craighton, at Ipswich. 1749.

WHITE, John. Appendix to the Controversy between the Rev. Mr. White and the dissenting gentleman. Concerning certain points, particularly I. Church-power, and in whom lodged. II. The sacramental test. III. Our constitution in church and state, more especially in regard to the regal supremacy: which, not being essential to the controversy, were, in the course of it, on the part of Mr. White, thought proper to be neglected, or very lightly touched upon, but now (it being closed) in compliance with the importunate and repeated demands of that gentleman, are fully and particularly considered, and fairly rescued from the many gross misrepresentations, and fallacious reasonings in the three first sections of his third and last letter, touching those points. In a letter to the gentleman. [2], 45, [1]p advert. ESTC T67229. 8vo. printed for C. Davis in Holbourn, and sold by M. Cooper in Paternoster-Row. 1750.

WHITE, John. A Sermon preached in the parish-churches of Stoke and Nayland, in the County of Suffolk, On the 18th of December, 1745. Being the Day appointed by His Majesty’s Royal Proclamation for a general fast. 27, [1]p advert. ESTC T3123. 8vo. printed for C. Davis against Gray’s Inn, Holbourn; W. Creighton at Ipswich; and M. Cooper, at the Globe in Pater-Noster-Row. 1746.

Four titles bound together in contemporary half calf, marbled boards. Joints cracked but firm, some wear to the head and tail, and later red morocco label. Armorial book-plate of Dr Blackett, and later name of Charles John Elliott on the front end paper. Shelf stamp to head of the first title-page, and also the front end paper. £220.00

~ Samuel Chandler, (1693–1766), nonconformist divine, was born in 1693, educated at Bridgewater, and afterwards under Samuel Jones at Gloucester, where he was the fellow-pupil of Bishop Butler and Archbishop Seeker. He finished his studies at Leyden, and in 1716 was chosen minister of the presbyterian congregation at Peckham. The loss of his wife’s fortune in the South Sea scheme forced him to open a bookshop. He was an industrious writer, and took part in many controversies as a defender of toleration and of the christian rationalism of the day.

~ ESTC T111119. In 103 numbers, With a list of subscribers to Vol I and an index to each volume.


~ ESTC N25714. Another edition printed for Noon and Hett is dated 1744.


~ ESTC T65451. A second volume was published in 1741. 'The Moral Philosopher' is by Thomas Morgan. Chapman was at King’s College, Cambridge, and was an instructor to Horace Walpole.

65. **CHAPMAN, Richard.** Publick Peace ascertain’d; with some cursory reflections upon Dr. Sacheverel’s two late sermons. In a sermon preach’d on Tuesday, Nov. 22. 1709. being the day of thanksgiving for the signal and glorious victory obtained near Mons, and for the other Great Successes of Her Majesties Arms, this last Year, under the Command of the Duke of Marlborough. 16pp. Disbound. Worming to lower and outer margins. ESTC T46109. 8vo. printed for Mat. Wotton, at the Three Daggers, in Fleet-Street, 1709. £40.00

66. **CHUBB, Thomas.** A Collection of Tracts on Various Subjects. [6], 474pp. Full contemporary panelled calf, upper board detached, rear joint cracked, and wear to the head and tail of the spine. Some slight dustiness, but a clean copy. ESTC N15076. 4to. printed for T. Cox at the Lamb under the Royal-Exchange, 1730. £75.00

67. **CHUBB, Thomas.** Four Tracts. Viz. I. An Enquiry concerning the Books of the New Testament, Whether they were written by Divine Inspiration, &c. II. Remarks on Britannicus’s Letters, publish’d in the London Journals of the 4th and 11th of April, 1724; and re-published in the Journals of the 5th and 12th of April 1729; containing an Argument drawn from the single Fact of Christ’s Resurrection, to prove the Divinity of his Mission. Wherein is shewn, that Britannicus’s Argument does not answer the Purpose for which it was intended. And in which is likewise shewn, what was the great and main End that the Resurrection of Christ was
intended to be subservient to; viz. not to prove the Divinity of his Mission, but to gather together his Disciples, to commission, and qualify, and send them forth to preach his Gospel to all Nations. III. The Case of Abraham with respect to his being commanded by God to offer his Son Isaac in Sacrifice, farther considered. In Answer to Mr. Stone’s Remarks. In a Letter to the Rev. Mr. Stone. IV. The Equity and Reasonableness of a future Judgment and Retribution exemplify’d; or, a Discourse on the Parable of the unmerciful Servant, as it is related in Matth. xviii. from Verse 23, to the End of the Chapter. 151, [1]p. ESTC T40109.

8vo. printed for T. Cox, at the Lamb under the Royal Exchange. 1734.

bound with...

ROBINSON, Christopher. An Essay upon the Usefulness of Revelation, notwithstanding the greatest excellence of human reason. In eight discourses. [8], 127, [1]p., half-title.
8vo. printed for John Pemberton, at the Buck over-against St. Dunstan’s Church in Fleetstreet, [1733].
ESTC T99765. 2 copies only in America (Brigham Young, National Theological Seminary).

bound with...

GROVE, Henry. Wisdom the First Spring of Action in the Deity. 1734., which lacks the title-page.

Three titles in one, bound in full contemporary panelled calf, raised and gilt banded spine, with red morocco label. Joints cracked and head and tail of the spine worn.

£95.00

68. CHUBB, Thomas. The Previous Question with Regard to Religion; humbly offer’d, as necessary to be consider’d, in order to the settling and determining all other questions on this subject. The third edition. 38, [2]pp adverts., half-title.
8vo. printed by J. Darby in Bartholomew-Close; and sold by J. Noon near Mercers-Chapel in Cheapside, and J. Roberts in Warwick-Lane. 1725. ESTC T60626, Chicago and Yale only in America.

bound with...
CHUBB, Thomas. A Supplement to the Previous Question with Regard to Religion; wherein several objections are examin’d. Second edition. 48pp. 8vo. printed by J. Darby and T. Browne; and sold by J. Noon, and J. Roberts, 1726. ESTC T178127, scarce.

bound with...

CHUBB, Thomas. A Vindication of God’s Moral Character, as to the cause and origin of evil, both natural and moral. Wherein the case of liberty and necessity is considered, with regard to human actions. In a letter to a friend. 80pp. 8vo. printed by J. Darby and T. Browne in Bartholomew-Close; and sold by J. Noon near Mercers-Chapel in Cheapside, and J. Roberts in Warwick-Lane. 1726. ESTC T97859.

bound with...
CHUBB, Thomas. An Examination of Mr Barclay’s Principles, with regard to man’s natural ability since the fall, as laid down in his book, intitled, An Apology for the True Christian Divinity, ... preach’d by ... Quakers. ... In a letter to a friend, occasion’d by the great commendation given to Mr. Barclay’s performance in the British Journal, no. XXX. ... To which is added, The Glory of Christ. 99, [1]., half-title. 8vo. printed by J. Darby and T. Browne and sold by J. Noon, and J. Roberts, 1726. ESTC T97851.

Four titles in one, bound in contemporary marbled boards with early vellum spine, which overlays part of the covers. Old ink stain to the edge of the book block but not intruding onto the page surface. £140.00

69. CHUBB, Thomas. The True Gospel of Jesus Christ asserted. Wherein is shewn what is, and what is not that gospel; what was the great and good end it was intended to serve; how it is excellently suited to answer that purpose; and how, or by what means that end has in a great measure been frustrated. Humbly offered to publick consideration, and in particular to all those who esteem themselves, or are esteemed by others to be Ministers of Jesus Christ, and Preachers of his Gospel; and more especially to all those who have obtained the reputation of being the great Defenders of Christianity. xii, 233, [3]pp adverts. Contemporary calf, rather worn and joints cracked, but a clean copy internally. With the 19th century ownership signature of J. Webb, Morden College. ESTC T98901. 8vo. printed for Tho. Cox, at the Lamb under the Royal-Exchange. 1738. £50.00

~ Thomas Chubb, 1679-1747, was a lay Deist writer, born near Salisbury. He regarded Christ as a divine teacher, but held reason to be sovereign in matters of religion, questioned religions’ morality, yet was on rational grounds a defender of Christianity. He had no learning, but was well versed in the religious controversies of the time. In 1738 he published ‘The True Gospel of Jesus Christ Asserted,’ which provoked various attacks, including one from Ebenezer Hewlett. It was followed by ‘The True Gospel of Jesus Vindicated,’ and ‘An Enquiry into the Ground and Foundation of Religion, wherein it is shown that Religion is founded on Nature.’ His doctrine is that true Christianity consists entirely in the belief that morality alone can make men acceptable to God, that repentance for sin will secure God’s mercy, and that there will be a future retribution
70. CLARKE, John. A Defence of Dr. Clarke’s Demonstration of the being and attributes of God. Wherein is particularly consider’d the nature of space, duration, and necessary existence. Being an answer to a late Book entitul’d, A translation of Dr. King’s Origin of evil, and some other Objections. Together with a Compendium of a Demonstration of the Being and Attributes of God. [4], iv, 163, [1]p., half-title. Signet Library copy. 19th century half olive green morocco, gilt ‘Signet’stamp to the marbled boards, and withdrawn label on the inner board. ESTC T1529. 8vo. printed for James and John Knapton, at the Crown in St. Paul’s Church-Yard, 1732. £75.00

71. CLARKE, John. An Enquiry into the Cause and Origin of Evil. In which the principal phænomena of nature are explained according to the true principles of philosophy; more particularly in Answer to Mr. Bayle and other Defenders of the antient Manichaean Scheme of two independent Principles. Being the substance of eight sermons preached at the parish-church of St. Mary le Bow, in the year 1719, at the Lecture founded by the Honourable Robert Boyle, Esq. [16], 304pp. Full contemporary panelled calf, upper sections of the joints cracked, but very firm, lacks the label. ESTC T107612. 8vo. printed for James Knapton, at the Crown in St Paul’s Church-Yard, 1720. £160.00

~ The first edition of the first of two sets of Boyle Lectures given by John Clarke (1682-1757), in 1719 and 1720, on moral evil and natural evil respectively.

72. CLARKE, John. An Enquiry into the Cause and Origin of Moral Evil. In which the present State and Condition of Mankind is considered and explained, upon the true Principles of Morality and Revelation; and the Objections of the antient and modern Defenders of the Manichaean Scheme, particularly Mr. Bayle, fully answered. Being the substance of eight sermons preached at the Parish-Church of St Mary le Bow, in the year 1720, at the Lecture founded by the Honourable Robert Boyle, Esq. [16], 344pp. A very good clean copy bound in full contemporary sprinkled calf, gilt borders with thistle cornerpieces. Raised and gilt banded spine with red morocco label, and early paper ‘title’ label. Contemporary ownership signature of Eliz: Rogers on the title-page, and note in her hand on price 1724-5. Elegant book-plate of Inner Library of Thomas Eyre, dated 1792.
An earlier Elizabeth Rogers married a Thomas Eyre in the 17th century, and this copy appears to have been owned by their descendants. Scarce. ESTC T112861.

8vo. printed for James Knapton, at the Crown in St Paul’s Church-Yard. 1721.

£280.00

~ Thomas Eyre of Hassop, Derbyshire, was the nephew of Sir Thomas Tempest, of Stella, Durham, and on his death inherited his estates, and famous library. In turn, Thomas appointed the Rev. Thomas Eyre for service at Stella, where he stayed until 1792, when his patron died. It is very likely that Thomas Eyre of Hassop himself decided to remove many of the books to Hassop, where he established two libraries, an Inner and an Outer Library. Thomas Eyre of Hassop established that the Inner Library be bequeathed to the Bishop of Midland District, and the Outer Library was supposed to remain in the family. However, part of this library was eventually sold through the antiquarian market.

73. CLARKE, Joseph. A Farther Examination of Dr. Clarke’s Notions of Space; with some considerations on the possibility of eternal creation. In reply to Mr. John Clarke’s Third defence of Dr. Samuel Clarke’s demonstration &c. To which are added some remarks on Mr. Jackson’s exceptions to Dr Clarke’s notions of space examined: in his Existence and Unity &c. [2], 177, [1]p., with initial advertisement leaf. Signet Library copy. 19th century half olive green morocco, gilt ‘Signet’ stamp to the marbled boards, and withdrawn label on the inner board. Title-page and first few leaves foxed, as is the edge of the book block. ESTC N8727.

8vo. Cambridge: printed for Cornelius Crownfield, and John Crownfield at the ... St. Paul’s Church Yard London. 1734.

£60.00

74. [CLARKE, Joseph]. The Church of England vindicated in requiring subscription from the Clergy, To the XXXIX Articles of Religion. In answer To the Objections and Calumnies of a late writer. [2], 136pp., half-title. A good clean copy in recent calf backed boards.

8vo. printed for W. Innys and R. Manby. 1739.

£60.00

~ ESTC T30744. Written in answer to a series of papers in ‘The Old Whig’, probably written by Samuel Chandler.
75. **CLARKE, Samuel.**  
A Collection of Papers, which passed between the late learned Mr. Leibnitz, and Dr. Clarke, in the years 1715 and 1716. Relating to the principles of natural philosophy and religion. With an appendix. To which are added, letters to Dr. Clarke in the years 1715 and 1716. Relating to the principles of natural philosophy and religion. With an appendix. To which are added, letters to Dr. Clarke concerning liberty and necessity; from a gentleman of the University of Cambridge: with the doctor’s answers to them. Also remarks upon a book, entitled, A Philosophical Enquiry concerning Human Liberty. xiii, [3], 416; 46, [2]pp advert. Parallel French and English text. Recent half calf, marbled boards, red gilt label. Some scattered foxing and light browning. ESTC T113561.  
£120.00

~ A gentleman of the University of Cambridge, is John Bulkeley, and ‘A Philosophical Enquiry’ is by Anthony Collins. ‘Letters to Dr. Clarke’ and ‘Remarks upon a book’ have separate dated title-pages; the latter has separate pagination and register.

76. **CLARKE, Samuel.** A Demonstration of the being and attributes of God: more particularly in answer to Mr. Hobbs, Spinoza, and their followers. Wherein the Notion of Liberty is Stated, and the Possibility and Certainty of it Proved, in Opposition to Necessity and Fate. Being the substance of eight sermons preach’d at the cathedral-church of St. Paul, in the year 1704. At the Lecture Founded by the Honourable Robert Boyle Esq. First edition. [16], 264pp. Full contemporary panelled calf, raised bands, joints cracked but very firm, head of the spine worn. Ex Libris Ormeston 1709, London emit; and stamp J. Caldwell, on the borders of the title-page. ESTC T116144.  
£75.00
“Dr. Clarke (1675-1729) became involved in the controversy with Leibnitz when the latter warned Caroline, Princess of Wales (to whom the book is dedicated) against the atheism of Newton, whose God he said was merely a super-mechanician. Clarke warmly defends Newton.” (Babson Cat. 229).

77. CLARKE, Samuel. A Discourse concerning the Being and Attributes of God, the obligations of natural religion, and the truth and certainty of the christian revelation. In answer to Mr. Hobbs, Spinoza, the Author of the Oracles of Reason, and other Deniers of Natural and Revealed Religion. Being sixteen sermons Preach’d at the Cathedral Church of St Paul, in the Years 1704 and 1705, at the Lecture Founded by the Honourable Robert Boyle Esq; By Samuel Clarke, D. D. Rector of St James’s Westminster. The fourth edition, corrected. There are added in this edition, several letters to Dr. Clarke from a Gentleman in Glocestershire, relating to the first volume; with the Drs Answers. [32], 135, [25], 344, 42, [2]pp adverts. Full contemporary calf, spine worn, joints cracked but firm. Some light browning. Early ownership signature of J. Sedgwick, Jesus College, Cambridge, at the head of the title-page, and on the front-end-paper. ESTC T31927.
8vo. printed by Will. Botham; for James Knapton, at the Crown in St Paul’s Church-Yard, 1716.

£50.00

78. CLARKE, Samuel. A Letter to Mr. Dodwell; wherein all arguments in his Epistolary discourse against the immortality of the soul are particularly answered, and the Judgment of the Fathers concerning that Matter truly represented. Together with a defence of an argument made use of in the above-mentioned letter to Mr. Dodwell, to prove the Immateriality and Natural Immortality of the Soul. In four letters to the autho r of Some remarks, &c. To which is added, Some reflections on that part of a book called Amyntor, which relates to the Writings of the Primitive Fathers, and the Canon of the New Testament. The sixth edition. [4], 475, [1]p. In nine parts, each with a separate title-page; the pagination and register are continuous throughout. A good clean copy bound in full contemporary panelled calf, slight wear to the head of the spine, lacks the label, and signature clipped from the front-end-paper. ESTC T38165.

£95.00
79. CLARKE, Samuel. A Sermon preach’d at the Parish-Church of St. Mary White-Chapel, on Tuesday, October 11. 1709. at the funeral of Dame Mary Cooke, late wife of Sir John Cooke, of Doctor’s-Commons, London, Knight, Doctor of Laws, &c. 16pp. Disbound. ESTC T59812. 8vo. printed by J. B. for James Knapton, at the Crown in St. Paul’s Church-Yard, 1709. £40.00

80. CLARKE, Samuel. An Exposition of the Church-Catechism. By Samuel Clarke, D. D. late Rector of St. James’s Westminster. Published from the author’s manuscript. By John Clarke, D. D. Dean of Sarum. [4], 172pp. A clean copy, but with worming to the lower gutter margin of the last twenty pages. Contemporary signature of Thos. Lageitt on the title-page, the later price of 15/- at the head. Full contemporary calf, raised bands, red morocco label. 8vo. Dublin: printed by S. Powell, for G. Risk at the Shakespear’s Head, G. Ewing at the Angel and Bible, and W. Smith at the Hercules, Booksellers in Dame’s-Street. 1730. £95.00

~ ESTC T132059, BL, Cork, Nat Lib Ireland, National Trust, and Trinity College, only. No copy noted by ESTC in America. First published in London in 1729.

82. [CLAYTON, Robert]. An Essay on Spirit, wherein the Doctrine of the Trinity is considered in the light of nature and reason; as well as in the light in which it was held by the ancient Hebrews. The third edition. 142pp. Recent quarter calf, marbled boards, gilt label. Early note on a preliminary blank. ESTC T61156.
8vo. [Dublin]: London printed: and Dublin re-printed in the year, 1752.
£120.00

~ Apparently this essay was not actually written by Clayton, but by a young clergyman in his diocese, who did not wish it printed under his own name. Clayton’s assumption of the responsibility for the work resulted in his not advancing in the Church - he was refused the Archbishopric of Tuam as a result of his supposed authorship.

83. [COLLIBER, Samuel]. Free Thoughts Concerning Souls: in four essays: I. Of the humane soul consider’d in its own nature. II. Of the humane soul compared with the souls of brutes. III. Of the supposed præ-existent state of souls. IV. Of the future states of souls. To which is added, An essay on creation. By the author of the Impartial Inquiry, &c. First edition. vi, ix-xiii, [1], 168pp. Some dustiness and occasional browning. Contemporary calf, rebacked, corners worn. ESTC T113254.
£120.00

~ Samuel Colliber is an enigmatic figure in the history of British thought. This work was largely influenced by Locke’s Essay but it also reflects the author’s acquaintance with the views of such early modern philosophers as Descartes and some of the Cambridge Platonists. Ref: Jakapi, R. Samuel Colliber on the Soul and Immortality. 1978.

8vo. printed for Robert Gosling, at the Mitre and Crown against St. Dunstan’s Church in Fleetstreet, 1713.
£120.00
85. **COLLINS, Anthony.**

£140.00

86. **[COLLINS, Anthony]**.
A Discourse of Free-Thinking, occasion’d by the rise and growth of a sect call’d Free-Thinkers. 178pp., contents leaves mis-bound at the end. 8vo. printed in the Year, 1713.
ESTC T185391, Canterbury, Lancaster, Westminster only.

*bound with*

ESTC N48423, Birmingham, Cashel, Lancaster, Norwich, Oxford; 6 copies in North America.

Contemporary panelled calf, upper board nearly detached, and rear joint cracked. Head and tail of the spine worn. Some age toning to the paper of the first title.

£140.00
8vo. printed for S. Wilmot, Oxford: and sold by James and John Knapton, R. Knaplock, W. Innys, T. Astley, [and 6 others in London], 1732. £75.00

88. COOPER, Anthony Ashley., 3rd Earl of Shaftesbury. Characteristicks of Men, Manners, Opinions, Times. In three volumes. The fifth edition. Engraved frontispiece by Gribelin and Closterman, the final engraving is by Gribelin and Mattaes, the others are by Gribelin. Full contemporary tree calf, gilt decorated spines with red morocco labels. Slight rubbing to the spines, and one label chipped. ESTC T66627. Gaskell 49. The first Baskerville edition. 
large 8vo. Birmingham: Printed by John Baskerville. 1773. £220.00

89. [COWARD, William]. Farther Thoughts Concerning Human Soul, in defence of Second thoughts; wherein the weak efforts of the Reverend Mr. Turner, and other less significant writers are occasionally answer’d. By the author of Second Thoughts. [24], 155, [5]pp., final advert leaf. Signet Library copy. Rather browned and foxed. Contemporary calf, joints cracked, corners worn. Signet Library crest to the boards. 
8vo. printed for Richard Bassett at the Mitre over against Chancery-Lane-End in Fleet-Street; Where Second Thoughts are to be had, 1703. £60.00

~ ESTC T57416. Scarce, Harvard, Philadelphia, Union Theological Seminary only in America.

90. [COWARD, William]. Second Thoughts Concerning Human Soul. Demonstrating the notion of human soul, ... to be an invention of the heathens, and not consonant to the principles of philosophy, reason, or religion. The second edition, corrected and enlarged. [20], 212, 121-344pp. Pp.121-212 repeated in pagination; but text and register continuous. Some intrusive worming to the text affecting a number of letters. Contemporary calf, joints cracked and the spine worn. Ownership signature of F.R. Cowell, and 19th century note on a blank preliminary leaf. ESTC T137991. 
8vo. printed for A. Baldwin, 1704. £30.00
91. [COWARD, William]. The Grand Essay: or, a vindication of reason, and religion, against impostures of philosophy Proving according to those Ideas and Conceptions of Things Human Understanding is capable of forming to it self. 1. That the Existence of any Immaterial Substance is a Philosophic Imposture, and impossible to be conceived. 2. That all Matter has Originally created in it, a principle of Internal, or Self-Motion. 3. That Matter and Motion must be the Foundation of Thought in Men and Brutes. To which is added, A Brief Answer to Mr. Broughton’s Physcholo. &c. [8], 197, [3], 177-248pp. Pp.210, 211, 214, 215, 218, 219, 222, 223 misnumbered 110, 111, 114, 115, 118, 119, 122, 123. Lacking H2,7, O1. Well bound in recent full panelled calf. Some old waterstaining. 8vo. printed for P.G. and sold by John Chantry, at the Pestle and Mortar without Temple-Barr, 1704.

£40.00

~ ESTC T72150. Emory, Chicago, Harvard, and Pennsylvania only in America.

92. COWLEY, Abraham. The Works of Mr Abraham Cowley. Consisting of those which were formerly printed: and those which he design’d for the press. Now published out of the authors original copies. First collected edition. [44], 41, [1], 80, [4], 58, 61-70, 154, 23, [1], 148pp., engraved portrait by Faithorne. Slight worming to the blank foot of the frontispiece, and the title-page, which also has a clean tear without loss at the lower left hand edge, and is rather dusted. The worming continues until signature ‘D’. Full contemporary panelled calf, raised bands, morocco label. Slight wear to the head and tail of the spine. folio. printed by J[ohn]. M[acock]. for Henry Herringman, at the Sign of the Blew Anchor in the Lower Walk of the New Exchange, 1668.

£495.00

ESTC R9310. Perkin B1 first state. In this edition title page has “Press,” and no crossed “W”. Signature “B” is under the “us” of “fusa”.

Ownership signature of Mrs Vesey; book-plate of Colonel Vesey, early signature of her first husband. William Handcock, dated 16[??].
~ Elizabeth Vesey (1715-1791) was a wealthy Irish intellectual who is credited with fostering the Bluestockings, a society of women which hosted informal literary and political discussions of which she was an important member. Her first marriage, sometime before December 1731, was to William Handcock, member for the borough of Fore in the Irish Parliament, who died in 1741.

93. [CUDWORTH, Ralph]. A Discourse Concerning the True Notion of the Lords Supper. By R.C. [4], 73, [3]pp. Leaf L1v bears errata, a variant is blank. ESTC R13968. 4to. printed for Richard Cotes, 1642.

Book-plate of John, Marquis of Teesdale.

bound with...


£295.00

Very good wide margined copies bound in full contemporary panelled calf, raised bands, early paper label. Some very slight worming to the blank fore-edge of the first few leaves of the second title, and offset browning around the edges of the end-papers.
94. CUDWORTH, Ralph. A Treatise Concerning Eternal and Immutable Morality. xii, [8], 303, [1]p., portrait. Large paper copy. Bound in full contemporary red morocco, with ornate gilt decoration to the boards and spine. Joints cracked but firm, some wear to the head and tail of the spine, and the corners. All edges gilt, marbled end-papers. ESTC T140740.
8vo. printed for James and John Knapton, at the Crown in St. Paul’s Church-Yard. 1731. £395.00

~ Ownership signature of John Buckland.
95. CUDWORTH, Ralph. The True Intellectual System of the Universe: the first part; wherein, all the reason and philosophy of atheism is confuted; and its impossibility demonstrated. First edition. [20], 84, 97-156, 155-899, [89]pp., frontispiece., title-page in red and black, bound without the two final advertisement leaves. Full contemporary calf, gilt panelled spine, red morocco label. Some wear to the upper board, and to the head and tail of the spine. Joints cracked in places but firm and the binding rather rubbed. Armorial book-plate of John, Marquess of Tweedale. folio. printed for Richard Royston, bookseller to His most sacred Majesty. 1678.

£495.00

~ ESTC R27278. No more parts were published, and text complete despite the erratic pagination.
96. **CUDWORTH, Ralph.** The True Intellectual System of the Universe: the first part; wherein all the reason and philosophy of atheism is confuted, ... With A discourse concerning the true notion of the Lord’s supper. The second edition; in which are now first added references ... and an account of the life ... of the author: by Thomas Birch. xl, 85, 98-168, 167-632; [2], 633-899, [109], 90, [2]pp., frontispiece. Title-page of vol.1 in red and black; vol.2 begins with a divisional title-page. Some marginal worming to the final leaves, but clear of the text. Foxing to the endpapers, paste-downs and the frontispiece. Contemporary calf rebacked retaining the original morocco label, and corners neatly repaired. ESTC T140741.

4to. printed for J. Walthoe, D. Midwinter, J. and J. Bonwick, W. Innys, R. Ware [and 17 others in London], 1743.

£295.00

97. **CULVERWEL, Nathaniel.** An Elegant, and Learned Discourse of the Light of Nature: with several other treatises, viz. The schism. The act of oblivion. The child’s return. The panting soul. Mount Ebal. The white stone. Spiritual opticks. The worth of souls. [16], 175, [1]; 212pp. Title-page a little dusted, and some edge creases. Early ownership signature of Thomas Constable; and later of Jas Stone ? 1836, on the inner front board, and two further signatures at the head of the title-page. Contemporary calf, rebacked, and board edges repaired. New end-papers. Scarce.

4to. printed by Tho. Roycroft [and E.M.], for Mary Rothwell at the Bear and Fountain in Gold-smiths-Row in Cheap-side, 1661.

£295.00
ESTC R174428, with misnumbering of pages. Cambridge, Trinity, York Minster; Illinois, Toronto, Yale. First published in 1652, and originally delivered as a series of lectures in 1645–1646, this is his most famous work. Composed in a period of religious and political upheaval, this forms an imaginative statement of the teachings of Christian humanism concerning the nature and limits of human reason and the related concepts of natural and divine law.

98. CUMBERLAND, Richard. A Treatise of the Laws of Nature. Made English from the Latin by John Maxwell, ... To which is prefix’d, an introduction. [28], clxviii, [2], 377, [1], 167, [23], xxviiip., 2 folding copper plates depicting the nervous system and the solar system. A few leaves rather browned, but generally a clean copy. Contemporary marbled calf, joints and corners are worn, head and tail of the spine chipped, and lacks the label. 4to. printed by R. Phillips; and sold by J. Knapton, J. Senex, F. Fayram, J. Osborne, and T. Longman and T. Osborne, 1727. £395.00

~ ESTC T97625. A variant has the date of publication omitted from the imprint.

~ First edition of Cumberland’s magnus opus, forming a partial rebuttal of Hobbes, and leading the author to be viewed as certainly a forerunner, if not the founder, of English utilitarianism.
100. CUMMING, John. The Grounds of the Present Differences, among the London Ministers. In two parts. I. A Dissertation concerning the Authority of Scripture-Consequences in Matters of Faith. Being An Answer to Mr. Evans’s Letter. To which is added A Postscript relating to the Sonship of Christ, shewing the Uncertainty of the main Principle on which the Arians found their Faith in a Dependent God; with a particular Reference to Dr. Clark’s scheme. Part II. Considerations on the Prosed Agreement of the Non-Subscribing Ministers, with the Subscribers, in their Sentiments concerning the Doctrine of the Trinity. Wherein Some of the principal Passage, in both Parts of the Reply are impartially Examin’d, and the Subscribers clear’d from the Charge of Imposition. xii, [6], 365, [1]p errata. A very good clean copy bound in contemporary calf, ruled borders, raised bands, early paper spine label. Head of spine worn, and tear to the front-end-paper. ESTC T116925. 8vo. printed for John Clark, at the Bible and Crown in the Poult, near Cheapside; and Andrew Bell, at the Cross-Keys and Bible in Cornhill, [1720]. £95.00

101. DITTON, Humphrey. A Discourse concerning the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In three parts. Wherein, I. The Consequences of the Doctrine are Stated Hypothetically. II. The Nature and Obligation of Moral Evidence, are explain’d at large. III. The Proofs of the Fact of our Saviour’s Resurrection, are Propos’d, Examin’d, and fairly Demonstrated, to be Conclusive. Together with An Appendix concerning the Impossible Production of Thought, from Matter and Motion: The Nature of Human Souls, and of Brutes: The Anima Mundi, and the Hypothesis of the Toman; as also, concerning Divim Providence, the Origin of Evil, and the Universe in General. The second edition. xvi, 510pp. A good copy bound in full contemporary unlettered panelled calf, raised bands. Head and tail of the spine worn. Early ownership signature of Geo: Sedgwick at the head of the title-page. ESTC T103382. 8vo. printed by J. Darby in Bartholomew-Close, and sold by Andr. Bell in Cornhil, and B. Lintott near the Temple-Gate in Fleetstreet. 1714. £125.00

~ Humphrey Ditton (1675-1715) was Master of the New Mathematical School in Christ’s Hospital; a post he gained through the recommendation of Isaac Newton. His Discourse concerning the Resurrection was well received, and appeared in four editions, and was translated into several languages.
102. DODDRIDGE, Philip. A Course of Lectures on the Principal Subjects in pneumatology, ethics, and divinity: with references to the most considerable authors on each subject. [20], 595, [7]pp. Old waterstain to the gutter margin of the first few leaves, but not intrusive. Some occasional minor foxing. Full contemporary calf, joints cracked, head and tail of the spine worn, and some abrasions to the boards. Ownership signature on title-page dated March 23 '72, Haine. 4to. Printed by assignment from the author’s widow, for J. Buckland, J. Rivington, R. Baldwin, L. Hawes, W. Clarke and R. Collins, W. Johnston, J. Richardson, S. Crowder and Co. T. Longman, B. Law, T. Field, and H. Payne and W. Cropley. 1763.  £95.00

~ ESTC T95444. Edited by S. Clark. The final three leaves contain ‘A catalogue of the authors mentioned in this work’.

103. DODWELL, Henry. An Epistolary Discourse, proving, from the scriptures and the first fathers, that the soul is a principle naturally mortal; But Immortalized Actually by the Pleasure of God, to Punishment; or, to Reward, by its Union with the Divine Baptismal Spirit. Wherein is Proved, That None have the Power of Giving this Divine Immortalizing Spirit, since the Apostles, but only the Bishops. lxix, [11], 313, [7]pp. Contemporary panelled calf, gilt spine worn and lacking the label, upper board detached. A clean copy internally. Contemporary ownership signature D. Bond on title-page. ESTC T117511. 8vo. printed for R. Smith, at the Angel and Bible, without Temple-Bar, 1706.  £40.00
8vo. printed for E. Curll and E. Sanger at the Peacock without Temple-Bar, and at the Post-House at the Middle-Temple-Gate, 1708.

£120.00


105. [DOUGLAS, John]. The Criterion: or, miracles examined with a view to expose the pretensions of pagans and Papists; to compare The Miraculous powers recorded in the New Testament, with those said to subsist in later Times, and to shew The great and material Difference between them in Point of Evidence: From whence it will appear that the former must be True, and the latter may be false. First edition. [4], 4-2, [2]pp errata., half-title. Contemporary calf, joints cracked, and wear to the head and tail of the spine. Some foxing and browning to the end-papers, paste-downs, and half-title. Nineteenth century manuscript notes on the front paste-down. ESTC T64655.
8vo. A. Millar, 1754.

£50.00

12mo. printed for R. Dodsley in Pall-Mall, 1748.

£75.00
8vo.  printed for G. G. and J. Robinson, Paternoster-Row, 1796.  
£60.00

~ Ownership signature and mss note of Henry Crabb Robinson in which he writes that “this work was a great favourite with the poet Wordsworth...” Dyer presented Wordsworth with a copy of this work in 1796, which passed in the Rydal Mount library.

8vo.  Cambridge: printed by J. Hayes, printer to the University; for W. Graves bookseller there, 1692.  
ESTC R17328.  The texts discussed are Matt. II, 23; I Corinth. XI, 14; I Corinth. XV, 29; and I Peter III, 19-20.  

bound with...

8vo.  printed, and sold by Richard Wilkin at the Kings-Head in St. Paul’s Church-yard, 1694.  
ESTC R17283.

Two volumes in one.  Some age browning and occasional foxing. Contemporary panelled calf, neatly rebacked, red morocco label. Corners neatly repaired, and some wear to the board edges.   
£140.00
109. [EDWARDS, John]. Great Things done by God for our Ancestors [sic], and us of this Island. A sermon preach’d before the University of Cambridge, at St. Mary’s, November 5, 1709. Being appointed a day of Thanksgiving for the deliverance from the intended bloody massacre by gunpowder; and for the happy arrival of King William, and the great blessings that accompanied it. 32pp. Disbound. Slight worming to blank outer margins, and some browning. ESTC T143634. 8vo. printed by J.H. for Jonathan Robinson, John Lawrence, and John Wyat, 1710. £40.00

110. EDWARDS, John. Socinianism Unmask’d. A discourse shewing the unreasonableness of a late writer’s opinion concerning the necessity of only one article of Christian faith; and of his other assertions in his late book, entituled, The Reasonableness of Christianity as deliver’d in the Scriptures, and in his vindication of it. With a brief reply to another (professed) Socinian writer. First edition. [16], 142, [2]pp adverts. A very good copy bound in full contemporary blind ruled calf. ESTC R3296. 8vo. printed for J. Robinson at the Golden Lyon, and J. Wyat at the Rose in S. Paul’s Church-yard. 1696. £220.00

~ The Calvinist Anglican cleric John Edwards (1637-1716) had earlier accused Locke of being a closet Socinian (“he is all over Socuanized”) and his Reasonableness of Christianity with maintaining that the only doctrine necessary for Christians to believe was that Jesus was the Messiah. Locke did not take the criticism lying down and replied to Edwards in a forty page pamphlet, to which Edwards responded with Socianism Unmask’d, a work of biting wit and satire to which Locke then replied with his 48-page Second Vindication.
The Socinian controversy in the Church of England was a theological argument on christology carried out by English theologians for around a decade from 1687. Positions that had remained largely dormant since the death in 1662 of John Biddle, an early Unitarian, were revived and discussed, in pamphlet literature (much of it anonymous). This controversy was part of a larger debate after the Act of Toleration 1689, which excluded anti-trinitarian beliefs. By the end of the 1690s it had become clear that, for the time being, religious tolerance would not be extended: formally, the Blasphemy Act 1697 settled the matter until the early nineteenth century, religious disabilities for non-trinitarian believers continued in law, and the Act was directed against Unitarians.
112. EDWARDS, Jonathan. A Careful and Strict Enquiry into the Modern Prevailing Notions of that Freedom of Will, which is supposed to be essential to moral agency, virtue and vice, reward and punishment, praise and blame. The fourth edition. xi, [5], 414, [8], 18pp. Full contemporary calf, red morocco label, joints cracked but firm, and head and tail of the spine chipped. Lacks front-end-paper, and with the 19th century book-plate of George Sketchley. 8vo. printed for J. Johnson, No. 72, St. Paul’s Church-Yard. 1775. £220.00

~ ESTC N3249. The final 18p contain: ‘Remarks on the Essays on the principles of morality and natural religion’.

The fourth edition of Edward’s most important work, written whilst he was Minister at the Mission House, Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He succeeded John Sergeant as missionary to the Mahicans (who also became known as “Stockbridge Indians” and “Mohicans”). To the Indians, he preached through an interpreter, and their interests he boldly and successfully defended by attacking the whites who were using their official positions among them to increase their private fortunes.

113. ESSAY. Anon. An Essay towards Demonstrating the Immateriality, and Free-Agency of the Soul. In answer to two pamphlets; one Intitled, A Philosophical Enquiry into the physical Spring of Human Actions, &c. supposed to have been wrote by Mr. Samuel Strutt. And The other Intitled; A Philosophical Enquiry concerning Human Liberty; supposed to have been wrote by Anthony Collins, Esq. xvi, 136pp. A very good copy in recent calf backed marbled boards, raised bands, green morocco label. 8vo. printed for J. Shuckburgh, at the Sun, next the Inner-Temple-Gate, in Fleet-Street. 1760. [1740]. £120.00

ESTC T27273, noting that the date in the imprint is an error for 1740; listed in the ‘Bibliothèque Britannique’ for January that year.
The final piece is by George Washington.


£120.00

8vo. printed by J. B. for Benj. Walford, at the Prince’s-Arms in St. Paul’s Church-Yard, 1708. 

£40.00
116 FARMER, Hugh. An Examination of the Late Revd. Mr. Le Moine’s Treatise on Miracles. 64pp. Title-page and final leaf dusted. ESTC T145390.
8vo. Printed for T. Cadell, in the Strand; and J. Buckland, in Pater-noster Row. 1772.

bound with...

FARMER, Hugh. Letters to the Rev. Dr. Worthington, In Answer to his late Publication, intitled, An Impartial Enquiry into the Case of the Gospel Demoniacks. viii, 242, [2]pp, the last leaf consists of an errata list, and a note of the authors publications. ESTC T38564.

bound with...

8vo. printed for T.N. Longman. 1804.

Three titles in one, bound in 19th century half calf, spine very worn and defective, joints cracked, otherwise in sound condition.

£75.00

8vo. printed for Charles Dilly, 1779.

£160.00

~ “Adam Ferguson, professor of moral philosophy at the University of Edinburgh from 1764 to 1785, has come to be regarded as one of the most important contributors to what Hume himself dubbed ‘the Science of Man’. In many ways this is because Ferguson stands at a vital intellectual crossroads. For not only did he live a long and active life, bridging the eras of the Stuart Pretenders and the early nineteenth-century age of industrialisation and Romanticism. He also worked at the junction between what contemporaries still knew as moral philosophy and what later generations would increasingly discern as anthropoply and sociology.” ref: Journal of Scottish Philosophy.

119. FIDDES, Richard. A General Treatise of Morality, form’d upon the principles of natural reason only. With a preface in answer to two essays lately published in The fable of the bees. And some incidental remarks upon an Inquiry Concerning, Virtue, by the Right Honourable Anthony Earl of Shaftsbury. [10], cxliv (i.e.134), [2], 462pp., with an engraved portrait vignette on the title and engraved head-pieces in the text. A very good copy in contemporary sprinkled calf, expertly rebacked, green morocco label. Contemporary ownership signature of Charles Cooke. ESTC T75311. 8vo. printed for S. Billingsley at the Judge’s-Head in Chancery-Lane. 1724. £395.00

~ ‘Written against Shaftesbury’s Inquiry Concerning Virtue and Mandeville’s Fable of the Bees, and displaying marked sympathy with the works of Malebranche and [John] Norris of Bemerton, this book was a notable defence of revelation against the claims of natural religion’ (Oxford DNB).
120. [FLEETWOOD, William]. A Sermon preach’d before the Queen at St. James’s, on Sunday, April 17th, 1709. By William, Lord Bishop of St. Asaph. Publish’d by Her Majesty’s Special Command. [4], 24pp. Disbound. 4to. printed by T. H. for Charles Harper, at the Flower-de-Luce over-against St. Dunstan’s Church in Fleetstreet, 1709. £40.00

~ ESTC T66249, BL, Cambridge, NLS, Lambeth; UCLA.

121. [FLEETWOOD, William]. A Sermon preach’d before the Queen at St. Paul’s, August the 19th, 1708. The day of Thanksgiving for our deliverance from the late invasion, and for the victory obtain’d near Audenard. By William Lord Bishop of St. Asaph. Publish’d by Her Majesties Special Command. 16pp. Disbound. ESTC T28165. 8vo. printed by T. H. for Charles Harper, at the Flower-de-Luce, over-against St. Dunstan’s-Church in Fleet-Street, 1708. £40.00

122. [FLEETWOOD, William]. A Letter to the Reverend Dr. Snape; wherein the authority of the Christian priesthood is maintain’d; the uninterrupted succession of bishops from the Apostles days is lineally deduced; and the Cavils of Hereticks and Fanaticks are answer’d. By a curate of Wilts. The second edition. 68pp. Disbound. ESTC T83355. 8vo. [s.n.], Printed in the Year MDCCXVIII. [1718]. £40.00


124. [GASTRELL, Francis]. A Moral Proof of the Certainty of a Future State. The second edition. [8], 72, 71-97, 99-102 [i.e.101], [2]pp adverts. 8vo. printed for William and John Innys, at the West End of St. Paul’s, MDCCXXVIII. [1728]. ESTC T1531. The final pages are numbered 96,97,99,100,102, but the text and register are continuous despite pagination.

[COLLIBER, Samuel]. The Christian Religion founded on Reason: or, two essays on natural and revealed religion: with some particular considerations on the doctrines of the Trinity, the fall, the resurrection and eternal punishment: Tending to demonstrate, not only that the Christian Revelation is Divine, but that it is the Only Publick Divine Revelation, which is now entirely in Force; and likewise to prove, that some of those Doctrines which have been thought to furnish the most considerable Objections against it, are to be regarded as so many Arguments in it’s Favour. By the author of the Impartial Enquiry into the Existence and Nature of God. xvi, 164pp. 8vo. printed for J. and J. Knapton, R. Robinson, in St. Paul’s Church-Yard, J. Clark and R. Hett, in the Poultry, and F. Clay, without Temple-Bar, 1729. ESTC T103832.

[NEWCOME, Susannah]. An Enquiry into the Evidence of the
ESTC T103069.

Five titles bound together in contemporary calf, rather rubbed, and head and tail of the spine and corners worn. With the book-plate of Rev. T. Newcombe, and “Mrs Newcome” added in pencil to the title-page of the final work. Her “Enquiry...” appears to be the earliest work emanating from Cambridge University Press to be written by a contemporary female author. Ref: McKitterick, D. A History of Cambridge University Press.

£295.00

4to. printed by Joseph Downing, for J. Bowyer at the Rose in Ludgate-Street, and H. Clement at the Half-Moon in St. Paul’s Church-Yard, 1707.

£95.00

8vo. printed for James Buckland in Pater-Noster-Row; and Thomas Gibbons at No. 2, in Norton-Falgate, near Bishopsgate-Street. [1780].

£30.00
127. [GIBSON, Edmund]. The Bishop of London’s Third pastoral letter to the people of his diocese; particularly, to those of the two great cities of London and Westminster. Occasion’d by the suggestions of infidels against the writings of the New Testament, consider’d as a divine rule of faith and manners. The second edition. 92pp. Disbound. Some old waterstaining to the final leaves. ESTC T143394. 8vo. printed by Sam. Buckley in Amen-Corner, [1731]. £30.00

128. [GIBSON, Edmund]. The Bishop of London’s Second pastoral letter to the people of his diocese; Particularly, to those of the two great cities of London and Westminster. Occasion’d by some late writings, in which it is asserted, “That reason is a sufficient guide in matters of religion, without the help of revelation.” The third edition. [4], 80pp., half-title. Disbound. ESTC T189446. 8vo. Printed for Sam. Buckley, in Amen-Corner, 1730. £30.00

129. [GIBSON, Edmund]. The Bishop of London’s pastoral letter to the people of his diocese; Especially those of the two great Cities of London and Westminster: by way of caution, against lukewarmness on one hand, and enthusiasm on the other. The fifth edition. 32pp. Disbound. Some old waterstaining. ESTC T22836. 8vo. printed by S. Buckley, 1741. £30.00

130. [GIBSON, Edmund]. The Bishop of London’s pastoral letter to the people of his diocese; particularly, to those of the two great cities of London and Westminster. Occasion’d by some late writings in favour of infidelity. The sixth edition. [2], 54pp. Disbound. ESTC T85803. 8vo. printed for Sam. Buckley, in Amen-Corner. 1730. £30.00

~ It includes a reprint, under a slightly different title of *Against Modern Sadducism in the matter of Witches and Apparitions*; also the important essay *The Agreement of Reason and Religion*, aimed at least in part at nonconformism.

132. [GLANVILL, Joseph]. *Lux Orientalis*, or an enquiry into the opinion of the Eastern sages, concerning the præexistence of souls. Being a key to unlock the grand mysteries of providence, in relation to man’s sin and misery. First edition. [40], 192pp. Some dustiness to the first and final leaves, and occasional browning. Bound in 19th century half calf, with later label. Marbled boards rather rubbed. Scarce. ESTC R23333. 8vo. printed, and are to be sold at Cambridge, and Oxford, 1662. £350.00

~ “Joseph Glanvill maintained that the Anglican Church gave latitude for speculation on matters not necessary or fundamental to the Faith, that the doctrine of pre-existence had never been excluded by the Anglican or any other church, and that he intended no innovation or disturbance to it. In a letter to Robert Boyle, accompanying a copy of his *Lux Orientalis*, he wrote, ‘I am secure that you will appoint no other judge of these theories, but an interested and impartial reason. If such as you cherish those beams of restored Platonism, they will shine more and more to a perfect day; otherwise this light will sneak back to its forgotten darkness, and be buried again in its old obscurity.” ref: *Heaven and Hell in Enlightenment England*, by Philip C. Almond, Cambridge 2009.
133. GLANVILL, Joseph. Sadducismus Triumphatus: or, A full and plain evidence, concerning witches and apparitions. In two parts. The first treating of their possibility. The second of their real existence. The fourth edition, with additions. The advantages whereof, the reader may understand out of Dr. H. More’s account prefixed hereunto. Also, two authentick, but wonderful stories of certain Swedish witches. Done into English by Dr. Horneck. With some account of Mr. Glanvil’s life and writings. [6], 35, [17], 161, [17], 223-498, [4]pp adverts., engraved frontispiece and 2 plates, and woodcut head and tail pieces and initials. Slight tear without loss to the head of the title-page, and some occasional browning. Contemporary calf, neatly rebacked and recornered in paler leather. ESTC T103255. 8vo. printed for A. Bettesworth, and J. Batley, in Pater-noster-Row; W. Mears, and J. Hooke, near Temple-bar, in Fleet-street. 1726. £495.00

~ Glanvill first wrote on the subject of supernatural phenomena in A Philosophical Endeavour towards the Defence of the Being of Witches and Apparitions in 1666. The impression was largely destroyed in the same year by the Great Fire of London, and thus a new edition of the work appeared the following year under the title Some Philosophical Considerations Touching the Being of Witches. In 1668 an enlarged edition was printed, and this too went through two impressions, now entitled A Blow at Modern Sadducism. At the time of his death in 1680, Glanvill had for several years been planning an expanded version of A Blow at Modern Sadducism, including reports of cases he had been collecting. Henry More edited and compiled this material – probably supplementing it with material of his own – to produce Sadducismus Triumphatus in 1681.

134. GLANVILL, Joseph. Scepsis Scientifica: or, confess ignorance, the way to science; in an essay of the vanity of dogmatizing, and confident opinion. With a reply to the exceptions of the learned Thomas Albius. [36],184, [16], 92pp., engraved coat-of-arms of the Royal Society. Slight worming to the lower blank margin ending before page 1 of the main text. Some light age toning to the paper. Bound in contemporary calf, expertly rebacked, morocco label. The boards are rubbed and crazed and with some edge wear. New end-papers and paste-downs. 4to. printed by E. Cotes, for Henry Eversden at the Gray-hound in St. Paul’s Church-yard. 1665. £395.00
~ ESTC R13862. The sole edition. A reply to: White, Thomas. Sciri, sive Sceptices & scepticorum jure disputationis exclusio. White’s “Sciri” was itself a reply to Glanvill’s “The Vanity of Dogmatizing”.

4to. printed for Henry Mortlock at the sign of the Phœnix in St. Pauls Church-yard, and James Collins at his shop under the Temple Church, 1681.

£220.00

~ ESTC R23396. A collection of 10 sermons by Glanvill (numbered I-VII and IX-XI), each with half-title; pagination and register are continuous.


£650.00

~ The first edition of Glanvill’s attack on scholasticism and religious persecution. It was a plea for religious toleration, the scientific method, and freedom of thought. It also contained a tale that became the material for Matthew Arnold’s Victorian poem The Scholar Gipsy.

£395.00

ESTC R12277. “Lux Orientalis, or an enquiry into the opinion of the Eastern sages” (Wing G815) is by Joseph Glanvill. “Annotations upon the two foregoing treatises” (Wing M2638) is by Henry More.

£220.00

“Catherine Macaulay Graham (1731-1791), historian and philosopher whose work was an early response to Hume’s Moral Philosophy. In a letter dated March 1764, Hume noted their philosophical differences, and later visited her in Bath in 1776, a few months before his death. Her ‘Treatise’ defends the view that morality is grounded in the eternal fitness of things, and that all human actions are determined. It met with mixed reactions, and although complimented on her intellectual capabilities, chief among the complaints was the work’s turgid style.

£95.00

140. GREENUP, J. A Vindication of Human Liberty. In two parts. I. With Respect to the Mind’s being Passive in Sensation, Reflection, Memory and the last Judgment of the Understanding. II. In Regard to God’s Prescience. 36pp. Title-page dusted and with an old waterstain to the upper leading edge of pages, but not intrusive. Bound in late 19th century half morocco, marbled boards. Spine and corners rubbed and with some abrasions. 8vo. printed for J. Roberts, at the Oxford-Arms, in Warwick-Lane, [1731].

£295.00

~ ESTC T109074, scarce. BL, Cambridge, Liverpool, Oxford, Manchester; Huntington and Wisconsin only in America. This is the only title by Greenup recorded on ESTC.

141. GROSVENOR, Benjamin. God’s Eternity the Mourner’s Comfort. A sermon preached at Crutched-Fryars, June 8, 1740, on occasion of the death of the late Reverend Dr. William Harris. To which is added, a funeral speech delivered at the interment, by O. Hughes, D.D. 40pp. Disbound. ESTC T68601. 8vo. printed for Richard Hett, [1740].

£40.00

~ The Presbyterian Minister Henry Grove (1684-1738) caught the attention of the literary world in 1714 with the publication in “The Spectator” of four essays, including one that was greatly admired by Samuel Johnson. His nephew Thomas Amory (1710-1774) edited the posthumous publication of these two volumes, and contributed the final eight chapters. Subscribers include Thomas Birch, Edmund Calamy, Philip Doddridge, David Fordyce, and Edward Gibbon. In the preface Amory noted that Grove used the manuscript for over 30 years in his instruction of youth,

143. HALE, Matthew. The Primitive Origination of Mankind, considered and examined according to the light of nature. [10], 380pp., engraved portrait of the author signed: F.H. Van. Hove: sculp. A very good clean copy bound in early 19th century calf, double gilt ruled borders, and gilt decorated spine. Expertly rebacked retaining the original backstrip. Armorial book-plate of the Somerhill Library, and small bookbinder’s label of Comte de Caumont, 39, Gerrard Street, Soho, with note Lib: K3No 1. Caumont was a French emigré binder who worked in Gerrard street c1798-1801. ESTC R17451. folio. printed by William Godbid, for William Shrowsbery at the sign of the Bible in Duke-Lane. 1677. £595.00

~ Matthew Hale was an important precursor of Thomas Malthus, and argued “for the creation of the human race by an intelligent agent; its arguments touch on numerous topics, including the impossibility of an infinite succession, the character of time and space, the demographic tendencies of modern England and of ancient Israel, and the unlikelihood of spontaneous generation in anything more complex
than a mouse” (ODNB). He appears to be the first author to use the expression “geometrical proportion” in relation to the growth of population. Garrison & Morton place Hale’s work at the head of their list of books on evolution.

144. HALL, Joseph. The Best Bargain: or, the true way of purchasing soul-saving truth. A sermon preached at the court of King James the I. 16pp. Disbound. Some worming to lower margin.
8vo. printed, and are to be sold by the booksellers of London and Westminster, 1707.
£45.00


8vo. Dublin: printed for James Williams, 1773. £25.00

8vo. printed for C. Nourse, in the Strand. 1781. £160.00

8vo. printed for Iohn Nourse Bookseller to his Majesty. 1775.
£45.00.

8vo. printed by H. Woodfall, jun. For J. Nourse; and P. Vaillant, 1744. £65.00

149. SOLD

8vo. printed for J. Johnson, No. 72, St. Paul’s Church-Yard. 1790.

£395.00
151. HARTLEY, David. Observations on Man, his frame, his duty, and his expectations. In two parts. Two volumes. xix, [1], 512pp; xv, [1], 455, [1], [12]pp index. Circular stamp of Preston Free Public Library on the title-pages, but otherwise un-stamped. Expert repair to a clean tear on the first sectional half-title. Some occasional foxing, but a good copy well bound in recent calf backed marbled boards, raised bands, green morocco labels. ESTC T148767.


£450.00

~ The first edition of Hartley’s important treatise which attempted to extend Newtonian science to the study of human nature. His ideas eventually evolved into the concept of Philosophical Radicalism, or Utilitarianism.
152. HIGGINS, Francis. A Sermon Preach’d before Their Excellencies the Lords Justices, at Christ-Church, Dublin; on Tuesday, August 28. 1705. Being the Day appointed for a Solemn Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the late Glorious Success in forcing the Enemies Lines in the Spanish Netherlands, by the Arms of Her Majesty, and Her Allies, under the Command of the Duke of Marlborough. 16pp. Disbound. Some worming to the lower outer corner. ESTC N13120.
8vo. printed by E. P. for B. Barker, at the White Hart, and C. King, at the Judge’s Head, both in Westminster-Hall, 1707.
£30.00

153. HOADLY, Benjamin. The Measures of Submission to the Civil Magistrate consider’d. In a defense of the doctrine deliver’d in a sermon preach’d before the Rt. Hon. the Lord-Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, Sept. 29. 1705. The fourth edition. In which are added, 1. An accession-sermon, preached March 8. 1704/5. 2. A sermon concerning the unhappiness of absolute monarchy, &c. 3. A sermon concerning St. Paul’s behaviour towards the civil magistrate. xli, [8], 224pp. A good clean copy bound in full contemporary panelled calf. Some minor wear to the head of the spine, corners bumped, and slight insect damage at the foot of the upper board. ESTC T18278.
8vo. printed for James Knapton. 1710.
£95.00

8vo. printed by J. Leake, for Timothy Childe, at the White Hart at the West-End of St. Paul’s Church-Yard, 1703.
£120.00

~ ESTC T18250 / T18248. Part I. UCLA and Texas only in America; Part II. Kansas only in America.

£450.00

~ Kames’s work was a major influence on Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Wilson, and all are known to have read his works extensively. Ref: Rahmatian, A. (2015) The influence of Lord Kames (Henry Home) on some of the founders of the United States.


£40.00


£160.00

158. HUGHES, Obadiah. A Funeral-Speech deliver’d at the interment of the body of the late Reverend and excellent William Harris, D.D. in the Burying-Ground, at Bunhill. May 30. 1740. [2], 8pp. Disbound. 8vo. [s.n.], Printed in the year. 1740.  

£45.00

~ ESTC N1314, not in BL; College of William and Mary, and Harvard only in America.
159. HUGHES, Obadiah. A Funeral Thought, deliver’d at the interrement of the late Reverend Mr. Samuel Newman, in the burying-ground, at Bunhill, June 6, 1735. 8pp. A little dusted. Disbound. 8vo. printed in the year, 1735. £40.00

~ ESTC N18616, Congregational Library, Southwark; College of William and Mary.

160. HUGHES, Obadiah. Comfort and Counsel under the sickness or death of pious friends. A sermon on occasion of the much lamented death of Mrs. Delicia Iremonger, ... preached in Westminster, December 16. 1744. To which is added, a brief account of her life and character. xii, 76pp. Disbound. ESTC T69845. 8vo. printed by J. Waugh, and sold by J. Brotherton; and R. Hett, 1745. £40.00

£850.00

~ The contemporary preliminary note reads: “Tho’ this author a good deal offsets the air of candour and ingenuity, it is like a grimace; and upon the whole he rather perplexes then clears up truths. I believe, prides himself in the character of a refined & accomplished Deist. It shews more than ordinary affectation in setting forth familiar things with the pomp & pedantry of novelty & learning, & is in my opinion a most self sufficient, important coxcomb - Ld. Bolingbroke. He, and some other late writers sadly mistake their talents, when they quit political subjects to treat of Morality.”

This is the only collected edition issued by Hume himself. It comprises re-set volumes previously issued, with cancel titles and, where the cancels were not prepared in sufficient numbers, with the original titles. Todd (p. 195) has determined the order of issue of the volumes, in part by the record of William Strahan, printer of most of Hume’s works, and in part by “the sequence displayed in the sets examined”. Individually, the volumes are entitled: vol. I) Essays, moral and political. The fourth edition corrected, with additions; vol. II) Philosophical essays concerning human understanding. The second edition, with additions and corrections; vol. III) An enquiry concerning the principles of morals. The second edition; vol. IV) Political discourses. The second edition.


£180.00


~ ESTC T83283. The scarcer of two imprints of this year, this being the second issue. BL, Cambridge, NLS, Bristol; Johns Hopkins, Oskar Diethelm Library, UCLA.

~ ESTC T61170. BL, Oxford, NLS; Boston, Fordham, Philadelphia, Newberry, Princeton, Rutgers; Cape Town.

166. [HUTCHESON, Francis]. An Inquiry into the Original of our Ideas of Beauty and Virtue; in two treatises. I. Concerning beauty, order, harmony, design. II. Concerning moral good and evil. The second edition, corrected and enlarg’d. xxvi, [2], 304pp. A good clean copy bound in contemporary calf, wear to the joints, corners, and head and tail of the spine. ESTC T83285.

8vo. printed for J. Darby, A. Bettesworth, F. Fayram, J. Pemberton, C. Rivington, J. Hooke, F. Clay, J. Batley, and E. Symon, 1726. £120.00

~ First published in 1725, and one of the first formal treatises on aesthetics in English. This second edition contains c30pp of new material, as well as a preliminary dedication to Lord Carteret.

The idea of “producing the greatest degree of happiness” is part of the principal maxim of utilitarian ethics. The right of resistance against inadequate government, on the other hand, is part of the liberal creed. In the eighteenth century the Scottish philosopher Francis Hutcheson (1694–1746), in his Inquiry into the Original of Our Ideas of Beauty and Virtue, linked the two sides of the argument for the first time; and coined the phrase, “That action is best, which procures the greatest happiness for the greatest numbers.”

Hutcheson’s philosophy became part of the ideas that formed the American polity. In the eighteenth century his books were imported to America and his philosophy was well known through his students and learned visitors to Scotland - among them was Benjamin Franklin in 1759. Hutcheson’s ideas even became part of the colonial curriculum.

£260.00


£120.00

~ ESTC T144031, Edinburgh, Galway, Oxford, Royal Irish Academy, Senate House; Bowdoin, Smith, Stanford, California, Victoria. The earlier issue, a later one added 7pp of additions & corrections.

£120.00

~ ESTC T37269, the second issue of the 4th edition with 7pp of additions and corrections.


£60.00

171. [HUTCHESON, Francis]. BURNET, Gilbert. Letters between the late Mr. Gilbert Burnet, and Mr. Hutchinson, concerning the true foundation of virtue ... Formerly published in the London journal. To which is added, a preface and a postscript, wrote by Mr. Burnet. viii, 85, [3]pp. Title-page foxed. A good copy bound in 19th century half calf, rebacked. Armorial book-plate ‘Dent’.
8vo. printed by W. Wilkins, 1735.

£120.00

~ ESTC T38475. The first edition of this correspondence concerning Frances Hutcheson’s ‘An Inquiry into the Original of our Ideas of Beauty and Virtue.’
172. HUTCHESON, Francis. Philosophiae Moralis institutio compendiaria, Libris III. Ethices et jurisprudentiae naturalis elementa continens. Editio Tertia. viii, 288pp. Full contemporary calf, joints cracked, binding rubbed, and lacking the spine label. ESTC T83289; Gaskell, 296. 12mo. Glasguae: In Aedibus academicis excudebant Robertus et Andreas Foulis. 1755. £95.00


175. JACKSON, John. A Defense of Human Liberty, in answer to the principal arguments which have been alleged against it; and particularly to Cato’s letters on that subject. In which Defense The Opinion of the Antients, concerning Fate, is also distinctly and largely considered. First edition. [8], 207, [1]p. A very good copy in full contemporary panelled calf, gilt spine with red morocco label. Contemporary ownership signature of William Mitford on the front-end-paper, and later book-label of Francis W. Steer. ESTC T887. Scarce. 8vo. printed for J. Noon at the White Hart in Cheapside near the Poultry. 1725. £295.00
176. JENNINGS, David. A Sermon occasioned by the death of the late Reverend Isaac Watts, D. D. Preached to the Church of which he was Pastor. December 11, 1748. To which is added, the funeral oration at his Interment. by Samuel Chandler. Both Published at the Request of the said Church. [2], 45, [1]p. Disbound. ESTC T56155.
8vo. printed for J. Oswald, and W. Dilly, at the Rose and Crown in the Poultry, near the Mansion-House; J. Buckland, at the Buck in Paternoster-Row; and E. Gardner, at the Ship, in Lombard-Street. 1749. £45.00

8vo. printed for John Oswald; and James Brackstone, 1743. £45.00


~ This work was intended for university students, and forms a collection of questions on the subjects of physics, natural history, and chemistry, meteorology, mechanics, hydrostatics, optics, astronomy, logic, metaphysics, and philosophy. A bibliography of passages that the student should consult is added to each question, and authors include Leibniz, Descartes and Newton.

179. [JONES, John]. Free and Candid disquisitions relating to the Church of England, and the means of advancing religion therein. Addressed to the governing powers in church and state; and more immediately directed to the two Houses of Convocation. First edition. xxvii, [1], 340pp. Full contemporary calf, raised and gilt banded spine, upper board detached and head and tail of the spine worn. ESTC T20930.
8vo. printed for A. Millar, opposite to Katharine-Street, in the Strand. 1749. £45.00
Books from the Library of John Stephens.

Part Two (K-Y) will be issued shortly.