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improvement of judaism this volume will appeal to historians and scholars of intellectual traditions both in and outside of jewish studies interview with joseph davis ten questions of eliezer eilburg previous research in the knowledge management and information systems fields simply define knowledge by a few categories and then describe knowledge systems and their usage and the difficulties with them knowledge and knowledge systems learning from the wonders of the mind starts from the beginning where and how knowledge is formed and how it can be measured describing humans and their knowledge path from conception and birth to maturity in his opening remarks silberstein jewish studies lehigh u reflects on the current trend of viewing identity as a mapping process of becoming rather than a fixed construct to be traced essays by 13 other us and israeli contributors further advance this non essentialist perspective in regard to jewish identity viewed through personal narratives photographs spiegelman s holocaust maus comic books the yiddish question a critique of zionist ideology israeli identity and literature judeo christian kinship sex differences as discussed in levinas work and postmodern ideas of individuation without identity c book news inc a short history of jewish ethics traces the development of jewish moral moral concepts and ethical reflection from its biblical roots to the present day offers an engaging and thoughtful account of jewish ethics brings together and discusses a broad range of historical sources covering two millennia of writings and conversations combines current scholarship with original insights written by a major internationally recognized scholar of jewish philosophy and ethics longing is a universal human experience born of the inevitable gulf between dream and reality what we need and what we have while the experience of longing may arise from loss or the awareness of a void in one s life it

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sagan or elizabeth kolbert rob brooks scientia professor of evolution unsw author of artificial intimacy a brilliant engaging and edgy introduction to transhumanism the idea that in coming centuries we humans will take charge of our own evolution and transform ourselves into new artificially enhanced beings david christian distinguished professor of history at macquarie university author of origin story elise bohan wants us to believe our survival depends on integrating ourselves with advanced robotics and artificial intelligence so that we can achieve what she calls a sustainable posthuman future after reading her excellent and well researched book i m inclined to agree with her tim dunlop author of the future of everything this book is an intellectual tour de force that cajoles us to take the blinkers off and confront the new era we have entered into a time of escalating promise and peril elise bohan s clear eyed view of the future can help us navigate a path forward by showing us how to harness the extraordinary capabilities of our species rather than allowing them to destroy us this is a most timely enlightening and important work it s also a whole lot of fun to read mark roeder author of what we do next really matters a fun frightening and fruitful look at our future this is the book i want to give to friends who ask but what is transhumanism really anders sandberg senior research fellow future of humanity institute university of oxford in future superhuman elise bohan asks challenging but important questions is transhumanism the best future for humanity how best should we ride technological waves like ai not just to survive but to thrive toby walsh laureate fellow scientia professor of ai at unsw author of 2062 the world that ai made menachem fisch is the joseph and ceil mazer professor of history and philosophy of science and director of the center for religious

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something i write does not make rational sense i
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visions for technology as an enabler of forward facing action which include reviving humanist ideals associated with the modernization project while techno centrism is arguably most pronounced in transhumanism where it is acted out in extreme almost hyperbolic ways it reflects more generally held deep seeded concerns around the future of science technology and human self identity in the new millennium far from being new these emerging social forms capture unresolved ambivalences which have long cast a shadow over late modern society and culture scholars have come to realize that we can and need to speak of a twin birth of christianity and judaism not a genealogy in which one is parent to the other in this book the author develops a revised understanding of the interactions between nascent christianity and nascent judaism in late antiquity a comprehensive interdisciplinary account of the major thinkers and movements in modern jewish thought in the context of general philosophy and jewish social political historical developments volume 1 of 5 covers the period from spinoza through the enlightenment this intellectual biography of rabbi ephraim luntshitz and his contemporaries isserles maharal etc provides an in depth study of the philosophical interests of the major thinkers of the polish jewish renaissance in the context of the european renaissance and reformation the authors of this collection renowned scholars from around the world explore the tensions and dilemmas that impact pluralism and homogeneity in modern societies this book is in homage to shmuel noah eisenstadt we honor his ground breaking work in the comparative study of modernities and civilizations despite existing for thousands of years the field of ethics remains strongly influenced by several largely unquestioned assumptions and cognitive biases that can dramatically affect our priorities the tango of technical drawing 14th edition

ethics intuition rationality and the prevention of suffering proposes a deep rigorous reassessment of how we think about ethics eschewing the traditional language of morality it places a central emphasis on phenomenological experience and the unique urgency of suffering wherever it occurs challenges our existence bias and examines the consequences of a metaphysically accurate understanding of personal identity a key paradigm in the tango of ethics is the conflict and interplay between two fundamentally different ways of seeing and being in the world that of the intuitive human being who wants to lead a meaningful life and thrive and that of the detached rational agent who wants to prevent unbearable suffering from occurring leighton aims to reconcile these two stances or motivations within a more holistic framework he labels xnu that places them at distinct ethical levels this approach avoids some of the flaws of classical utilitarianism including the notion that extreme suffering can be formally balanced out by enough bliss while maintaining a focus on impact he also identifies some of the limits of rationality and our dependence on intuitions to make ethical decisions the book explores the implications of this way of thinking for real world ethical dilemmas and how we might incorporate it into governance with societal collapse increasing totalitarianism and artificial general intelligence all very real threats in the coming years leighton argues that it is as important as ever to promote these ethics and their implementation while there is still an opportunity for some convergence around what matters this book an examination of judaism as it evolved over a period of approximately 1 500 years is an analysis of the hebrew bible and other ancient jewish writings with special emphasis on theology and morality by the middle of the first millennium

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the story only ends there however if you re fortunate enough to live in an adequate civilization inadequate equilibria is a sharp and lively guidebook for anyone questioning when and how they can know better and do better than the status quo freely mixing debates on the foundations of rational decision making with tips for everyday life eliezer yudkowsky explores the central question of when we can and can t expect to spot systemic inefficiencies and opportunities to beat the market

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Tranquillity and Ruin

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before the enlightenment before spinoza had rejected traditional beliefs about the bible came the humanistic skeptics of the renaissance alongside oft cited christian thinkers eliezer eilburg now takes his rightful place comparable in view to christopher marlowe or noel journet eilburg perhaps uniquely represents the possibilities of jewish skepticism in his day eliezer eilburg the ten questions and memoir of a renaissance jewish skeptic makes available for the first time a bilingual edition of two key works by the jewish rationalist skeptic kabbalist and memoirist eliezer eilburg the ten questions addressed to the maharal of prague and two of his colleagues is one of the most radical statements of jewish skepticism authored during the sixteenth century published here in its entirety this text is especially remarkable for its critical approach to the bible foreshadowing later intellectual trends although many of his opinions were considered heretical by jewish authorities eilburg argued that his doubts were innocent and that there was room within judaism for his skepticism he presented himself as a penitent whose eyes had been opened through the study of medicine and philosophy and who had merited angelic visions and kabbalistic dreams the second text eilburg s experimental memoir is one of the very first modern jewish efforts at autobiography put together from many smaller pieces this patchwork

of brag and bile is a unique document of sixteenth century jewish life it is a testimony if not to the emergence of the individual in this period then at least to the emergence of new jewish ways of imagining and writing about the self eilburg was an enigmatic man a unique and as yet mostly unstudied jewish thinker though his works are directed to audiences of jews and argue for the improvement of judaism this volume will appeal to historians and scholars of intellectual traditions both in and outside of jewish studies interview with joseph davis ten questions of eliezer eilburg

Eliezer Eilburg

2020-04-01

previous research in the knowledge management and information systems fields simply define knowledge by a few categories and then describe knowledge systems and their usage and the difficulties with them knowledge and knowledge systems learning from the wonders of the mind starts from the beginning where and how knowledge is formed and how it can be measured describing humans and their knowledge path from conception and birth to maturity

Inadequate Equilibria (Draft Version)

2017-11-16

in his opening remarks silberstein jewish studies lehigh u reflects on the current trend of viewing identity as a mapping process of becoming rather than a fixed construct to be traced essays by 13 other us and israeli contributors further advance this non essentialist perspective in regard to

jewish identity viewed through personal narratives
photographs spiegelman s holocaust maus comic
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ideology israeli identity and literature judeo
christian kinship sex differences as discussed in
levinas work and postmodern ideas of individuation
without identity c book news inc

Knowledge and Knowledge Systems: Learning from the Wonders of the Mind

2007-09-30

a short history of jewish ethics traces the
development of jewish moral concepts and ethical
reflection from its biblical roots to the present
day offers an engaging and thoughtful account of
jewish ethics brings together and discusses a
broad range of historical sources covering two
millennia of writings and conversations combines
current scholarship with original insights written
by a major internationally recognized scholar of
jewish philosophy and ethics

Mapping Jewish Identities

2000-07

longing is a universal human experience born of
the inevitable gulf between dream and reality what
we need and what we have while the experience of
longing may arise from loss or the awareness of a
void in one s life it may also become a powerful
engine of spiritual growth prompting one to draw
closer to the hidden yet present other across the
range of jewish teachings longing takes center
stage in one s spiritual life from the bible

through current frontiers in jewish belief and practice god is both known and unknown immediate and remote present and in constant eclipse this book captures the sense of longing in jewish tradition by creating a dialogue between the author s own struggles with an estranged father and a wide range of traditional and contemporary sources focusing on the story of the hebrew prophet elisha the book takes the reader through a journey of abandonment creative destruction and ultimately repair and healing engaging with currents in biblical theology rabbinic thought kabbalah and contemporary jewish philosophy written in a familiar yet probing style this book is an accessible introduction to jewish thought and spirituality as well as a thoughtful companion for more experienced students

A Short History of Jewish Ethics

2012-01-17

originally published as a special issue of exemplaria these essays deserve a much wider audience they deal with jewish studies and the medieval historian rabbinic ecclesiology and the synods of nicaea and yavneh jewish women martyrs sexual politics and marriage late medieval castile nation and miscegenation cultural hybridity and kabbalistic anthropology the authors are widely published scholars and critics in various fields of jewish studies the volume will be valuable to many scholars teachers and students the essays open up so many interesting avenues of inquiry that they will enlighten and challenge not only specialists in jewish studies but also scholars critics students and teachers of medieval literature and jewish literature medieval history and culture women s studies and religious studies

The English Works of the Late Rev. Eliezer Williams ...

1840

we re hurtling towards a superhuman future or if we blunder extinction the only way out of our existential crises from global warming to the risks posed by nuclear weapons novel and bioengineered pathogens and unaligned ai is up we ll need more technology to safeguard our future and we re going to invent and perhaps even merge with some of that technology what does that mean for our 20th century life scripts are the robots coming for our jobs how will human relationships change when ai knows us inside out will we still be having human babies by the century s end elise bohan unflinchingly explores possibilities most of us are afraid to imagine the impacts of automation on our jobs livelihoods and dating and mating careers the stretching out of the circle of life the rise of ai friends and lovers the liberation of women from pregnancy childbirth and breastfeeding and the impending global baby bust and attendant proliferation of digital minds strap in for an exhilarating and starkly honest take on the promise and peril of life in the 21st century there s much doom and gloom about humanity s future understandably so at a time of climate change and large scale environmental collapse but there s another side to what s coming and it won t all be bad elise bohan is your travel guide to the future of human minds and bodies enjoy the trip your guide is as sharp savvy lively and entertaining as you could ever want russell blackford author of at the dawn of a great transition the question of radical enhancement one of the most entertaining fascinating and thought provoking books i ve read in a long time future

superhuman provides a breathtakingly original broad and optimistic view of a transhuman future elise bohan s fresh and unique voice comes through on every page bold fearless fun and relentless on the absurdities of the human condition she could well be the next big non fiction star at home in the same constellation as yuval noah harari carl sagan or elizabeth kolbert rob brooks scientia professor of evolution unsw author of artificial intimacy a brilliant engaging and edgy introduction to transhumanism the idea that in coming centuries we humans will take charge of our own evolution and transform ourselves into new artificially enhanced beings david christian distinguished professor of history at macquarie university author of origin story elise bohan wants us to believe our survival depends on integrating ourselves with advanced robotics and artificial intelligence so that we can achieve what she calls a sustainable posthuman future after reading her excellent and well researched book i m inclined to agree with her tim dunlop author of the future of everything this book is an intellectual tour de force that cajoles us to take the blinkers off and confront the new era we have entered into a time of escalating promise and peril elise bohan s clear eyed view of the future can help us navigate a path forward by showing us how to harness the extraordinary capabilities of our species rather than allowing them to destroy us this is a most timely enlightening and important work it s also a whole lot of fun to read mark roeder author of what we do next really matters a fun frightening and fruitful look at our future this is the book i want to give to friends who ask but what is transhumanism really anders sandberg senior research fellow future of humanity institute university of oxford in future superhuman elise bohan asks challenging but important questions is transhumanism the best

future for humanity how best should we ride
technological waves like ai not just to survive
but to thrive toby walsh laureate fellow scientia
professor of ai at unsw author of 2062 the world
that ai made

Longing

2018-01-03

menachem fisch is the joseph and ceil mazer
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Turn It Again

2007-05-01

a national bestseller why do so many people think
the bible the most influential book in world
history is outdated why do our friends and
neighbors and sometimes we ourselves dismiss the
bible as irrelevant irrational immoral or all of
these things this explanation of the book of
exodus the second book of the bible will
demonstrate that the bible is not only powerfully
relevant to today s issues but completely
consistent with rational thought do you think the
bible permitted the trans atlantic slave trade you
won t after reading this book do you struggle to
love your parents if you do you need this book do
you doubt the existence of god because belief in
god is irrational this book will give you reason
after reason to rethink your doubts the title of
this commentary is the rational bible because its

approach is entirely reason based the reader is never asked to accept anything on faith alone as prager says if something i write does not make rational sense i have not done my job the rational bible is the fruit of dennis prager s forty years of teaching the bible to people of every faith and no faith on virtually every page you will discover how the text relates to the contemporary world and to your life his goal to change your mind and then change your life

Future Superhuman

2022-05-01

this book explores technological human enhancement advocacy through ethnographically inspired participant observation across a range of sites james michael macfarlane argues that such advocacy is characterized by techno centrism a belief grounded in today s world while being also future oriented and drawn from the imagination this blurring of real and imagined futures borrows from the materialist grounding of the scientific worldview while granting extended license to visions for technology as an enabler of forward facing action which include reviving humanist ideals associated with the modernization project while techno centrism is arguably most pronounced in transhumanism where it is acted out in extreme almost hyperbolic ways it reflects more generally held deep seeded concerns around the future of science technology and human self identity in the new millennium far from being new these emerging social forms capture unresolved ambivalences which have long cast a shadow over late modern society and culture

Menachem Fisch: The Rationality of Religious Dispute

2016-05-30

scholars have come to realize that we can and need to speak of a twin birth of christianity and judaism not a genealogy in which one is parent to the other in this book the author develops a revised understanding of the interactions between nascent christianity and nascent judaism in late antiquity

The Rational Bible: Exodus

2018-04-02

a comprehensive interdisciplinary account of the major thinkers and movements in modern jewish thought in the context of general philosophy and jewish social political historical developments volume 1 of 5 covers the period from spinoza through the enlightenment

Transhumanism as a New Social Movement

2020-05-19

this intellectual biography of rabbi ephraim luntshitz and his contemporaries isserles maharal etc provides an in depth study of the philosophical interests of the major thinkers of the polish jewish renaissance in the context of the european renaissance and reformation

Dying for God

1999

the authors of this collection renowned scholars from around the world explore the tensions and dilemmas that impact pluralism and homogeneity in modern societies this book is in homage to shmuel noah eisenstadt we honor his ground breaking work in the comparative study of modernities and civilizations

A History of Modern Jewish Religious Philosophy

2011-05-10

despite existing for thousands of years the field of ethics remains strongly influenced by several largely unquestioned assumptions and cognitive biases that can dramatically affect our priorities the tango of ethics intuition rationality and the prevention of suffering proposes a deep rigorous reassessment of how we think about ethics eschewing the traditional language of morality it places a central emphasis on phenomenological experience and the unique urgency of suffering wherever it occurs challenges our existence bias and examines the consequences of a metaphysically accurate understanding of personal identity a key paradigm in the tango of ethics is the conflict and interplay between two fundamentally different ways of seeing and being in the world that of the intuitive human being who wants to lead a meaningful life and thrive and that of the detached rational agent who wants to prevent unbearable suffering from occurring leighton aims to reconcile these two stances or motivations

within a more holistic framework he labels xnu that places them at distinct ethical levels this approach avoids some of the flaws of classical utilitarianism including the notion that extreme suffering can be formally balanced out by enough bliss while maintaining a focus on impact he also identifies some of the limits of rationality and our dependence on intuitions to make ethical decisions the book explores the implications of this way of thinking for real world ethical dilemmas and how we might incorporate it into governance with societal collapse increasing totalitarianism and artificial general intelligence all very real threats in the coming years leighton argues that it is as important as ever to promote these ethics and their implementation while there is still an opportunity for some convergence around what matters

Seeing with Both Eyes

2008-06-25

this book an examination of judaism as it evolved over a period of approximately 1 500 years is an analysis of the hebrew bible and other ancient jewish writings with special emphasis on theology and morality by the middle of the first millennium with the writing of deuteronomy the psalms and the works of the prophets judaism had embraced the idea that god is a compassionate father that his relationship with his people is based on love rather than fear and that his response to their commission of sins is based on the assumption that they are capable of repentance and worthy of forgiveness in the final stage of its development culminating in the first and second centuries ad judaism was understood to require its adherents to enact the will of god specifically to establish a

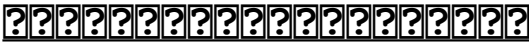
explores the nature of religious argument as it can inflect discussions of public policy political theory jurisprudence and education part two theologies of the marketplace notes that theology can by turns be highly critical neutral or even inordinately supportive of market operations part three european perspectives reviews and develops arguments from abraham kuyper karl barth and french post modernists concerning how one might integrate theological discourse into the public sphere part four offers israel pakistan and tibet as asian perspectives on how theology may comport with liberalism in recently created states or in the last case a diasporic government in exile where powerful religious constituencies make secular civil action extremely problematic finally part v religion and terror probes the vexed relationship between conceptions of divine and human justice where the imperatives of theology and state confront each other most nakedly collectively theology and the soul of the liberal state suggests that the liberal state cannot keep theology out of public discourse and may even benefit from its intervention

The Evolution of Love

2021-04-06

healthcare a vital industry that touches most of us in our lives faces major challenges in demographics technology and finance longer life expectancy and an aging population technological advancements that keep people younger and healthier and financial issues area constant strain on healthcare organizations resources and management focusing on the organization s ability to improve access quality and value of care to the patient may present possible solutions to these

challenges the encyclopedia of healthcare information systems provides an extensive and rich compilation of international research discussing the use adoption design and diffusion of information communication technologies icts in healthcare including the role of icts in the future of healthcare delivery access quality and value of healthcare nature and evaluation of medical technologies ethics and social implications and medical information management



2017-10-25

this brief survey text tells the story of judaism through the lens of modern biblical scholarship christine elizabeth hayes explores the shifting cultural contexts the babylonian exile the roman empire the byzantine period the rise of christianity that affected jewish thought and practice and laid the groundwork for the talmudic era and its modern legacy thematic chapters explore the evolution of judaism through its beginnings in biblical monotheism the second temple period in palestine the interaction of hellenism and judaism the spread of rabbinic authority and the essence of ethno religious jewish identity

Theology and the Soul of the Liberal State

2010

the radical restructuring of organizations can have momentous effects and not all of them are good in fact many are actually bad and may cause

serious harm how management can remedy these ill effects systematically and restore stability to their traumatized organizations is the theme of dr geisler s compelling new book how do we clean up the mess from poorly conceived badly implemented and ultimately unsuccessful restructurings how can managers who have been caught up in these changes and who are as disrupted by them as anyone regain their own equilibrium and help the healing and reconstructive process take hold geisler s answers to these questions are essential reading for corporate executives in all types of organizations public and private both and for academics and students dr geisler lists the problems associated with radical change and describes the futility of total corporate transformations in general in addition he develops a staged process by which managers can counteract the side effects of radical change programs by showing that the beneficial effects of radical corporate change are usually transient dr geisler s process is a key ingredient in any effort designed for the long term survival of the firm and the preservation of its strategic goals and methods thus not only does geisler provide a sound well reasoned criticism of corporate restructuring but he offers something that few if any other books can offer a workable means to cope constructively with the effects of its many failures

Le-`ela

1999

vols for 1969 include a section of abstracts

Encyclopedia of Healthcare Information Systems

2008-06-30

this comparative study contrasts the two fountainheads of western culture the hebrew and greek civilizations in ten major areas common to both civilizations sinai and olympus is based on a synthesis of the best recent scholarship of various specialists and contains analyses of primary sources examined from a comparative perspective that illuminates new dimensions of each civilization contents the nature of the literary sources creation genesis or theogony the origin of evil is there a moral order in the universe paradigms of heroism patterns of piety patterns of public worship public life law and the state the concepts and the methods of history the endtime afterlife and apocalypse

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2010-10-01

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1997-09-23

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