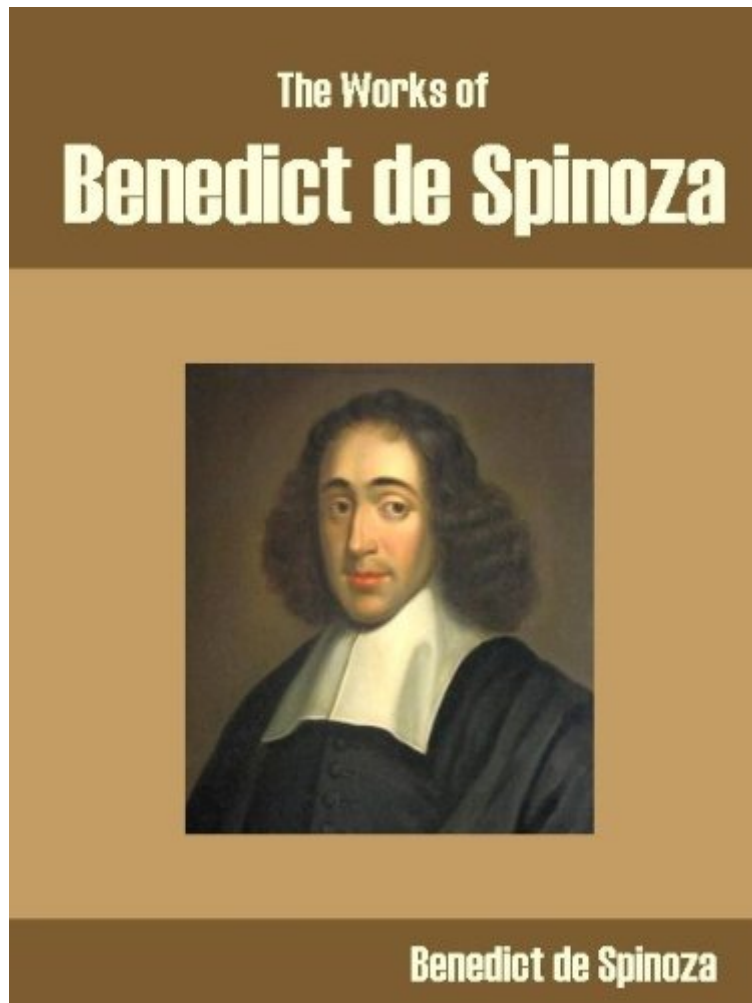




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To really understand someone's ideas it is a good idea to read their work, not just that which is written about their work. That is quite a challenge for Spinoza, especially his "Ethics." In this he uses deductive reasoning, syllogisms, to elucidate his ideas. One is quickly worn out trying to follow his reasoning; one reading won't be enough. Thankfully a portion of the collection is "The Philosophy of Spinoza." Probably one reason that Spinoza's writing are a little (only a little?) arcane is due to the times in which he wrote, but not due to the dated language of the age; he certainly didn't want to be too clear unless he didn't fear the stake. He sprinkles enough references to God and Christ to somewhat throw the censors off the track. In response to a highly negative reaction from both Catholic and Jewish authorities and public the rest of his work was published after his death.

Indispensable material for all people who are liberal thinkers. Here is a man who dared to write about all the things he was exiled for from the Dutch Jewish community who would not tolerate such free speech and thought. He makes the points about the Jewish community having brought on hatred because of their arrogating a chosen position whilst there is nothing to show that their thought and beliefs are any different from other ones. The prophets spoke from their perspective and who they were themselves and were not necessarily extraordinary in another sense (not miraculous or genius, but passionate and faithful).

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