

**CONCEPT OF SUBSTANCE:
RATIONALIST VIEW
(SPECIAL REFERENCE OF DESCARTE,SPINOZA AND LEIBNITZ)**

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CONTENT

Descarte`s view of substance

Spinoza`s view of substance

Leibnitz`s view of substance

NOTION OF SUBSTANCE : DESCARTE

- Substance is an existent things which requires nothing but it self in order to exist -Principle of Philosophy
- Substance is the substratum of qualities - Principle of Philosophy



Three types of substance:

1. God-It self in order to exist

2. Mind-spiritual substance

3. Body

ATTRIBUTE OF SUBSTANCE:

- Attribute of body : Extention
- **Attribute of mind : consciousness**
- Principle attribute :Body and mind
- Secondary attribute :Mode or accident quality-shape, size, motion etc

NOTION OF SUBSTANCE:SPINOZA

By substance I understand that which is in itself and is conceived by means of itself i.e that the conception of which the aid of the conception of any other things-Ethics

Essential attribute of substance:

- 1.Self dependence
- 2.Self intelligibility



EXISTENCE OF SUBSTANCE

- Infinite
 - **One**
 - Eternal
 - Perfect and unchangeable
 - Indwelling of the world
 - Indeterminate
 - **Absolutely free**
 - Infinite substance must process infinite attribute
 - Nature is identical with substance or god
- God as substance is not the so called God of religion.

- All is God and God is all
- Substance=God=Nature

Notion of substance : Leibnitz

- Leibnitz develops his new concept of substance , the monad ,in conjunction with , yet in opposition to the cartesian and the atomistic conception.
- Self acting force is primary character of substance.
- There is an infinite number of substance.



Types of substance:

- Sleeping or naked or unconscious monad
- Soul monad
- Rational soul or self-conscious sprit
- Highest kind of monad-God monad

CONCLUSION

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