# **CONCEPT OF SUBSTANCE:**RATIONALIST VIEW

(SPECIAL REFERENCE OF DESCARTE, SPINOZA AND LEIBNITZ)

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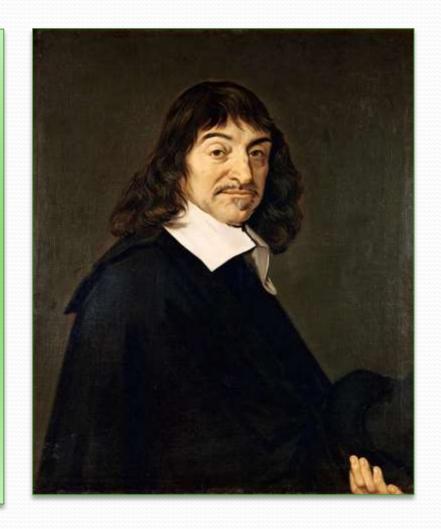
Descarte's view of substance

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-spritual substance3.Body

#### ATTRIBUTE OF SUBSTANCE:

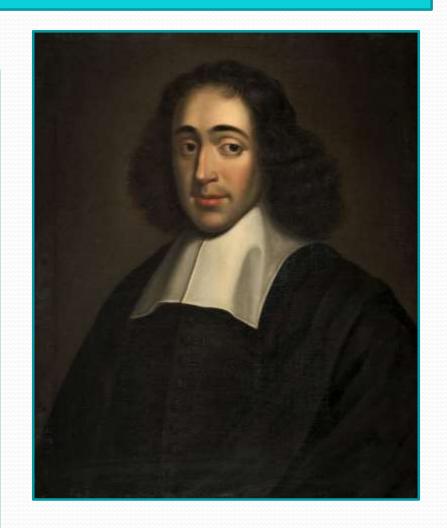
- Attribute of body : Extention
- Attribute of mind : consciousness
- Principle attribute :Body and mind
- Secondary attribute :Mode or accident quality-shape, size, motion etc

# **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 in 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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