

Leonhard Euler as an apologist

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Euler was a devout Christian keenly interested in practical and theoretical issues of the Christian religion. However, in his voluminous writings, only one short pamphlet discussed only religious issues. There are also some theological remarks scattered in other of his writings and letters. The present paper presents his defense of philosophical dualism expressed particularly in his criticism of monadology; his use of proof from design in arguing for the existence of God; his discussion of the problem of the soul; his criticism of the view of the preestablished harmony; his understanding of psychology; his approach to the problem of causality in the dualistic world; his view on theodicy; and his defense of the Bible.