

## Re: Physics and philosophy

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Andy Resnick wrote:

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> *As I understand it, philosophy changed radically after Locke. Once*

> *Locke showed (quite conclusively) that causality cannot be derived from*

> *a more fundamental principle,*

Lock or Hume? Hume showed that the notion of causality was empirical and not a priori. Can you cite the part of Locke you are referring to?

You observation is correct. In English speaking countries interest in extensive metaphysical systems declined markedly post-Hume. The emphasis has been on epistemology, ethics, politics and psychology.

Kant, in response to Hume's skeptical arguments pretty well put a stake through the heart of metaphysics as practiced by Aristotle and Plato.

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