

Late 17th-century physics question

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Isaac Newton's Universal Gravitation was maligned during his life as "invoking occult agencies" because of its force-at-a-distance aspect.

In those days, force was considered to be conveyed ONLY by actual physical contact between material bodies.

Does anyone know how the forces associated with magnetism and electricity were explained in those days?

Thanks for any insight into this matter.

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