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Sommario/riassunto

Mackie examines various philosophical problems raised in John Locke's 'An Essay Concerning Human Understanding'. He carefully considers Locke's treatment of these problems, but proposes his own resolution of the related issues in contemporary philosophy. He also proposes his theory of a realism combined with a moderate empiricism.
