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David Hume was the most important British philosopher of the eighteenth century. His Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion is a classic text in the philosophy of religion. Hume on Religion introduces and assesses: \*Hume's life and the background to the Dialogues \*the ideas and text of Dialogues \*Hume's continuing importance to philosophy.

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