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trust in reasonableness was a casualty of two wars; 19. And of three anti-rational dictatorships; 20. Irrational nationalism remains a major peril; 21. In literary criticism the appeal to sanity appears outmoded; 22. And there is a wide acquiescence in meaninglessness; 23. The most popular revivals from the past are those of anti-rationalists; 24. The subject of this book is the revolt against reason in philosophy; Chapter II The Idea of Reason in Western Thought; 1. Reason is taken to differentiate man from the animals
2. When so taken, reason has four distinguishable components
3. Its chief early application is in the connection of means with ends; 4. The free use of theoretic reason seems to have been achieved first by the Greeks; 5. And depended on their notion of form; 6. (1) Form as essence meant logical definition; 7. (2) Form as end involved implicit purpose; 8. (3) Form as law made possible a knowledge of the connection of concepts, which was; 9. (i) Certain; 10. (ii) Novel; 11. (iii) Independent of sense; 12. (iv) Universal; 13. (v) Objective; 14. (vi) Independent of time
15. (4) Form as system implied a world of interlinked concepts
16. The exercise of reason was, for the Greeks, a condition of the good life; 17. The Greek conception of reason has been dominant in western thought; 18. Descartes held certainty to be the product of reason alone; 19. He analysed the method of reason as pursued in mathematics; 20. This method could be applied universally, in spite of inner obstacles; 21. And even more formidable ones in nature; 22. Spinoza's rationalism had richer motives than that of Descartes; 23. Progress in reason was for him the end of life
24. The advance was from the contingent knowledge of common sense

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