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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 components3. 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 concepts16. 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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