



Decay of Rationalism (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Decay of Rationalism German Rationalism had its origin in the work of Leibnitz, reached the zenith of its development under the leadership of Wolff and hit contemporaries, and was superseded by the philosophical system of Kant. Its decadence has been generally attributed to the influence of English empiricism. The salient points of this view are: (a) Rationalism was superseded by the inductive method after a long controversy between English and German thinkers wherein (b) Leibnitz sketched out the system and especially advocated the theory of innate ideas against Locke; (c) Wolff systematized and popularized Leibnitz in Germany, and (d) Kant, yielding at last to empiricism as presented by Hume, was compelled to restate the whole problem of experience in such a way as practically to surrender the ideals of his school. Contrary to the foregoing opinion, this monograph holds that the most important factor in the passing of rationalism was its own internal decay. It endeavors to show that independently of the English school, Leibnitz, Wolff and Kant were forced by motives inherent in their...



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