

# *The Ethics* *Benedict de Spinoza*



*PART I. CONCERNING GOD.  
DEFINITIONS.*

*I. By that which is self—caused, I mean that of which the essence involves existence, or that of which the nature is only conceivable as existent.*

*II. A thing is called finite after its kind, when it can be limited by another thing of the same nature; for instance, a body is called finite because we always conceive another greater body. So, also, a thought is limited by another thought, but a*

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