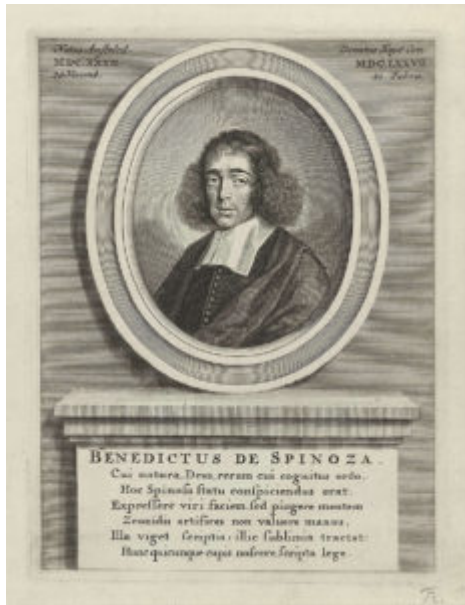


# [The Spinoza Web](#)



The Spinoza Web is a website that seeks to make the Dutch philosopher Benedictus de Spinoza (1632-1677) accessible to a wide range of users from interested novices to advanced scholars, and everything in between. It is a continually developing, active project whose success depends on its users. Please contact us with feedback, suggestions, and ideas!

At present our website offers two points of entry. The *'Timeline Experience'* tells the story of Spinoza, using rich graphic and other supporting material through which the user can navigate to enter and experience his very world. The *'Database Search'* is a gateway to an enormous repository for the study of Spinoza, whose goal is eventually to assemble all first-hand documentation pertaining to him. Attractively designed without compromising on scholarly standards, our website promotes a source-based contextual approach to Spinoza who, revered and reviled, has had countless rumours and myths attached to his name over the course of the centuries.

## *'Spinoza's web'-project*

The Spinoza Web is a creation of the ['Spinoza's Web'](#)-project of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Utrecht University, funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). It traces back to an early initiative of its main executive, [Jeroen van de Ven](#), and was implemented by the project's principal investigator, [Piet Steenbakkers](#), who had entertained a long-time wish for a website dedicated to Spinoza. In 2014 postdoctoral researcher [Albert Gootjes](#) joined their ranks in a largely advisory capacity. Later that year the team commissioned the Rotterdam-based advertising agency [Nijgh](#), which gladly welcomed the new challenge of combining creative inspiration with scholarly rigour.

### *Beta release*

After extensive planning and user tests, November 2016 saw the beta release of The Spinoza Web, notably featuring the '*Timeline Experience*' and *Database* with entries largely based on the historical and bibliographical research by Jeroen van de Ven. Subsequent releases are scheduled to boost the '*Database Search*' by making available in open access Spinoza's writings both in their original editions and in an authoritative English translation. Further plans include the addition of an interactive element facilitating Spinoza studies. To help us realize our pursuits, we welcome all contributions including but not limited to financial support. Potential contributors are encouraged to get in touch using the [Contact page](#).

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