

**ACTION AND EXISTENCE: A CASE FOR AGENT  
CAUSATION**

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### **Swindal, James. Action and Existence: The Case for Agent Causation. - Free Online Library**

This book criticizes Davidson's event-causal view of action, and offers instead an agent causal view both to describe what an action is and to set a framework for.

The existence of a broadly causal element in intentional action must cause of intentional action: indeed, I shall allow that some of my. 'event-causalists' may.

Source for information on Agent Causation: Encyclopedia of Philosophy dictionary. Sentences containing transitive verbs of action generate many such cases, the existence of volitions as a supposedly distinctive class of mental events.

Agents are, in Reid's terms, efficient causes of some of their actions, causing them by That whatever begins to exist must have a cause which produced it is.

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Further research is needed in order to investigate whether the two types of processes are in the relevant respects independent or whether they can be construed as interacting parts of one mechanism of decision-making. English View all editions and formats Summary: A regular plan of action cannot be contrived without understanding, and it cannot be executed without power.

Instead of being guided by the moral law they are guided, blindly, by the physical. It is possible to raise one's arm as a nonbasic action – for example, by pulling on a rope attached to the arm, using one's other arm. Both views tend to emphasize the normative and irreducibly teleological nature of reason explanation and, hence, agency.

It is absurd to attribute agency to laws of nature as it is to attribute agency to nonhuman agents. Reid held the view that only human agents have the relevant mental attitudes, because he thought that having such attitudes requires linguistic competence.