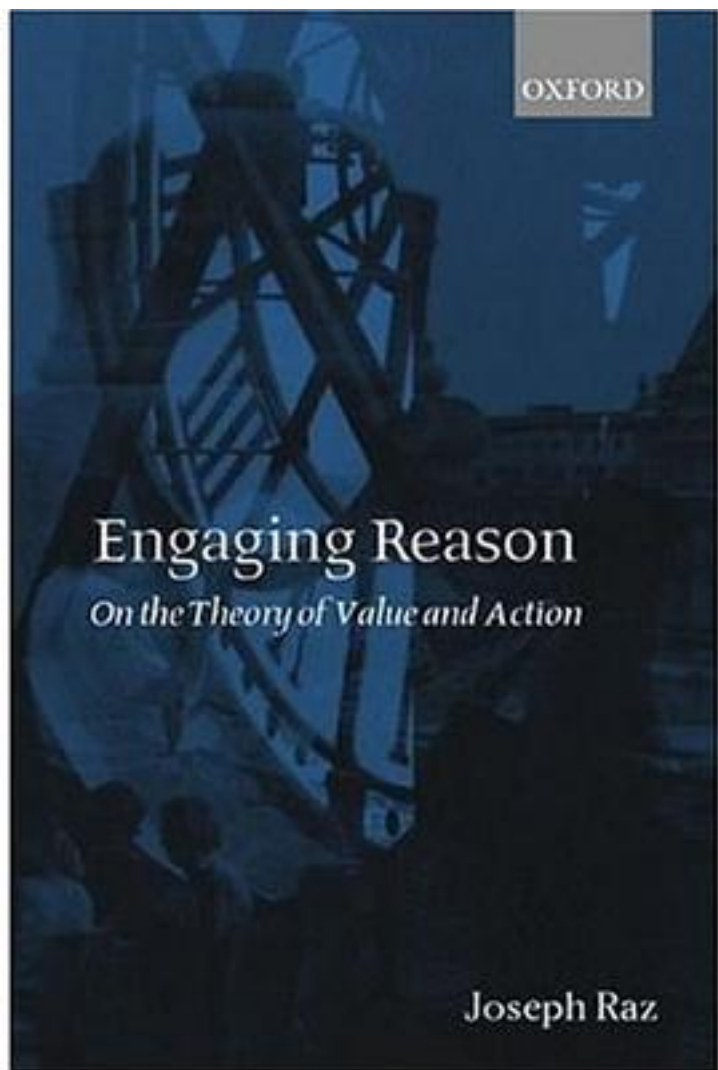


# Engaging Reason



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## 评论

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读了论规范性两篇。首篇谈规范性就是作为人类能力的理性如何从存在的事实中认知行动的理由。同时说明对于理由或理性的怀疑是不可靠的，理性只能加以说明无法将之证立。次篇谈及规范性与意志或意愿的关系（答案是无必然联系）。这个结论很有可能摧毁了规范性概念本身，使得xx具有规范性和描述xx的规范性变得界限模糊。换言之，理由只是我们洞悉规范性行为的一个角度，但为什么采纳这个视角？如果答案是实践理性要求，就是在乞题。因为拉兹的分析逻辑是倒过来从实践理性到规范性再到理由的。

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## 书评

世界的诸方面都是有价值的。这构成了行动的理由。我们是理性的动物，具有理性的权力（the power of reason），所以，我们能依靠那些理由引导我们自己。变得理性的就是变得能有目的地行动，这意味着依靠一个人对其所处的情境的理解而行动。  
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