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Propositions accompanying the thesis

## **Turtles All the Way Around**

A Study of Inherence in the British Idealist Reception of Spinoza

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1. Spinoza's commitment to the claim that all things require explanation demands an explanation for the fact that one substance is expressed through many modes, rather than through one mode.
2. Joachim's idealist criticism of the unity of Spinoza's substance is more advanced than that of Hegel, Martineau, and Caird.
3. Bradley's Regress is fundamentally an argument against primitive distinctions, not an argument against ontological relations.
4. The interdependence of individual formal essences enables Spinoza to say that reality is both unified and diverse.
5. If all dependence relations in Spinoza's metaphysics were asymmetrical, Spinoza would be forced to accept either substance pluralism or a Parmenidean monism of undifferentiated being.
6. The coarse-grainedness of Fine's theory of grounding is a feature, not a bug, when explaining Spinoza's dependence relations.
7. Insofar as the individual essence of a political party entails opposition to the individual essences of other parties, that party cannot participate in a unified and functioning state.