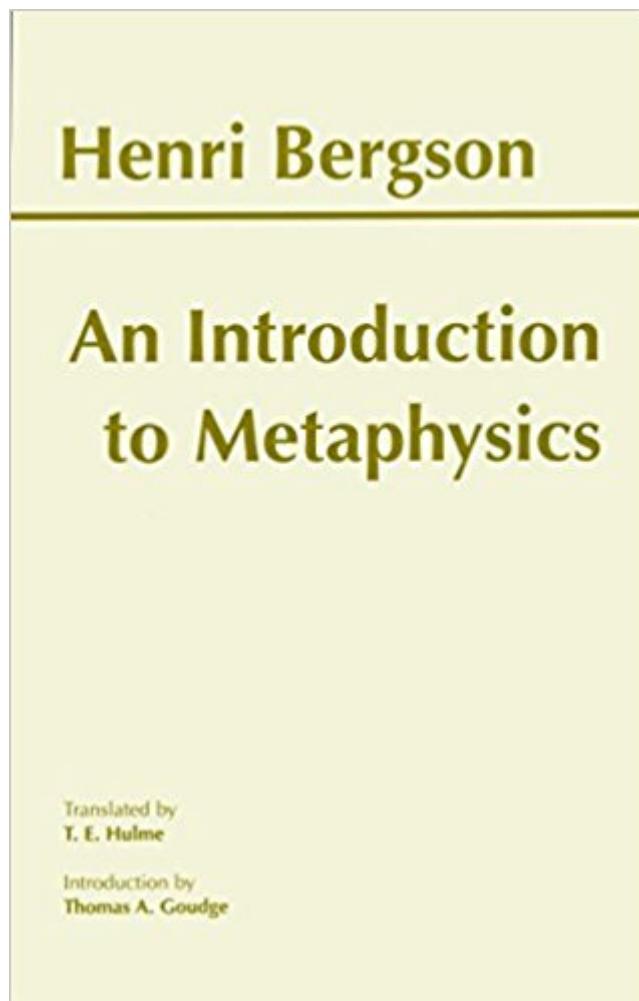


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most interesting in this work, along with his distinction between intellect and intuition. Scarcely sixty pages, "An Introduction to Metaphysics" is the type of work that can be read in one sitting (at your local Commercial Book Store if you are short on dinero) and I think you will find well worth the time.

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