

Introduction to Philosophy



Philo



Sophia

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Introduction



What is Philosophy?

- The Ancient Greek word “*philosophia*” was probably coined by Pythagoras and literally means “love of wisdom” or “friend of wisdom”.



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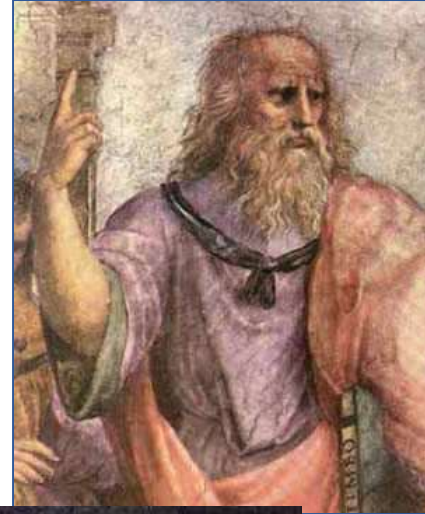


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What is Philosophy?

- Philosophy is the study of the general and fundamental nature of reality, existence, knowledge, values, reason, mind, and language.
(Source: Wikipedia)

The noticeable people



Some Philosophical questions

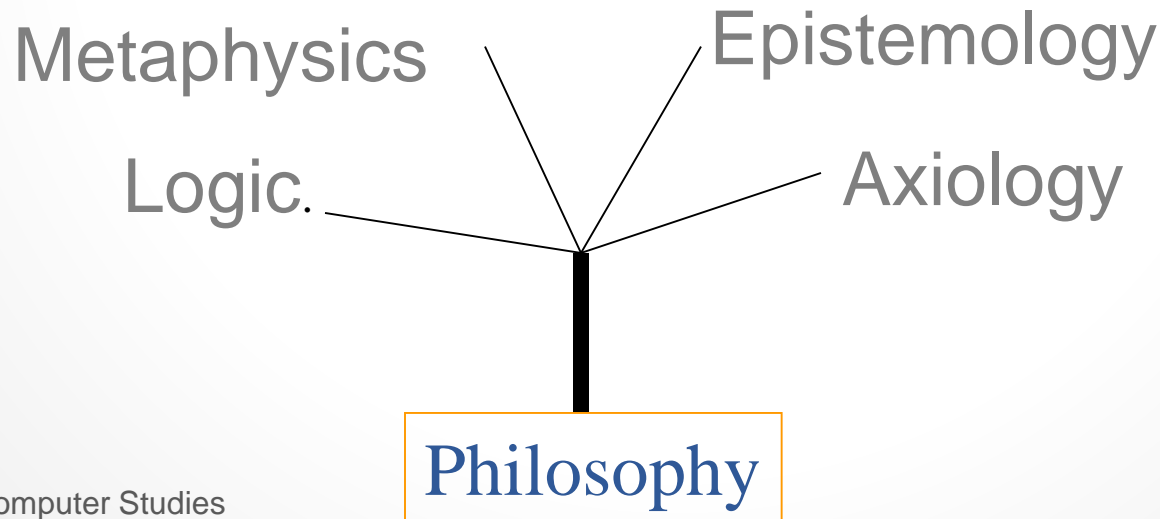
- What is good?
- What is beauty?
- Do we have free will?
- Does the world around us exist?
- What is a person?
- What is truth?
- What is evil?
- What is the relationship between mind and body?
- What is science?
- Does God exist?
- What is philosophy?
- What is love?

Branches in Philosophy

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Branches in Philosophy

- Philosophy, like most academic fields, actually consists of several main branches.
 - These branches themselves have sub-branches and can become very specialized as one progresses through the field of study.



Metaphysics

- Metaphysics is the study of the most general features of reality, such as existence, time, the relationship between mind and body, objects and their properties, wholes and their parts, events, processes, and causation.

Metaphysics (cont.)

- Metaphysics is sometimes split up into
 - Ontology
 - The philosophy of real life and living things
 - The philosophy of mind
 - The philosophy of religion
- But these sub-branches are very close together.

Metaphysics (cont.)

- Typical questions of interest
 - What is reality?
 - Is there anything very special about being a human being or being alive at all?
 - What is space?
 - What is time?
 - What is a mind?
 - What is a body?
 - What is consciousness?
 - Do people have souls?
 - Is there a God who created the Universe?

Epistemology

- Epistemology is concerned with the nature and scope of knowledge, such as the relationships between truth, belief, perception and theories of justification.

Epistemology (cont.)

- Typical questions of interest
 - What is knowledge?
 - How can we know anything?
 - What is science?
 - What is truth?

Logic

- Logic is the study of the principles of correct reasoning.
- Arguments use either deductive reasoning or inductive reasoning.

Logic (cont.)

- Typical questions of interest
 - How can we reason correctly?
 - How does the truth of an argument's premise affect the truth of its conclusion?
 - What do the words we use mean?
 - How can we say things (especially ideas) in a way that only has one meaning?

Axiology (Study of values)

- Ethics
 - Studies questions of how we should act.
- Aesthetics
 - Studies questions about art and beauty
- Social/Political Philosophy
 - Studies questions of which political and/or economic institutions are most fair and just

Axiology (cont.)

- Typical questions of interest
 - What has value?
 - Is time really money? or have we made it so?
 - Does love, beauty, or justice hold any value?

Science vs. Philosophy vs. Religions

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Religions

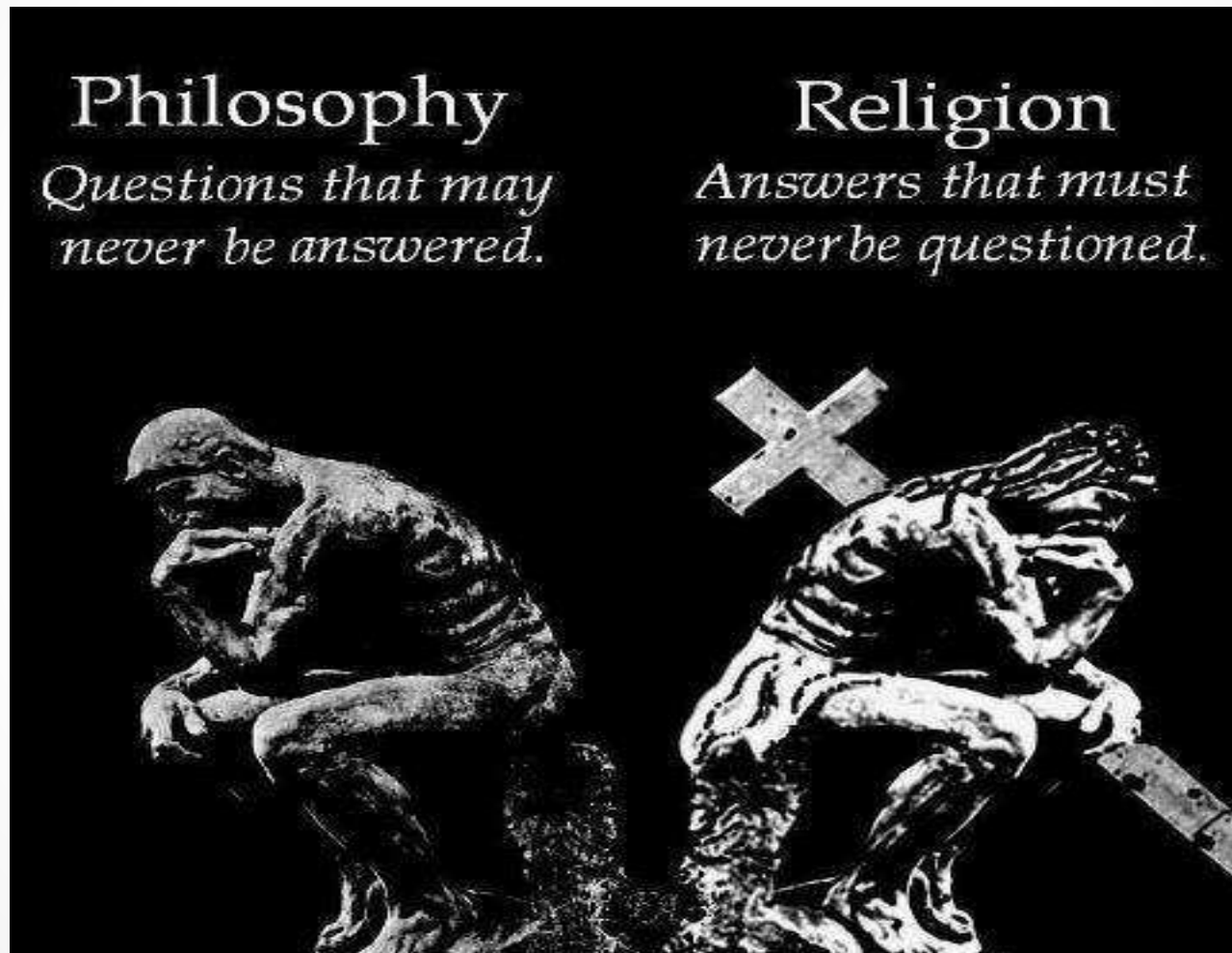
Philosophy

Science

Philosophy vs. Science

- Philosophers like to start with their conclusions, and work to prove them
- The primary tool of science is actual experimentation
 - From observing the results of experiments, one comes to conclusions

Philosophy vs. Religions



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"We are what we repeatedly do.
Excellence, then, is not an act,
but a *habit*."
~ Aristotle.

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