

# Introduction to Philosophy

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# Introduction



Philosophy is the systematic study of the foundation of human knowledge with an emphasis on the conditions of its validity and finding answers to ultimate questions.

Though the term philosophy is of Western origin and implies a kind of investigation typical of western culture, it has its equivalents in the various other cultures of the world, notably India, China and the Middle East.

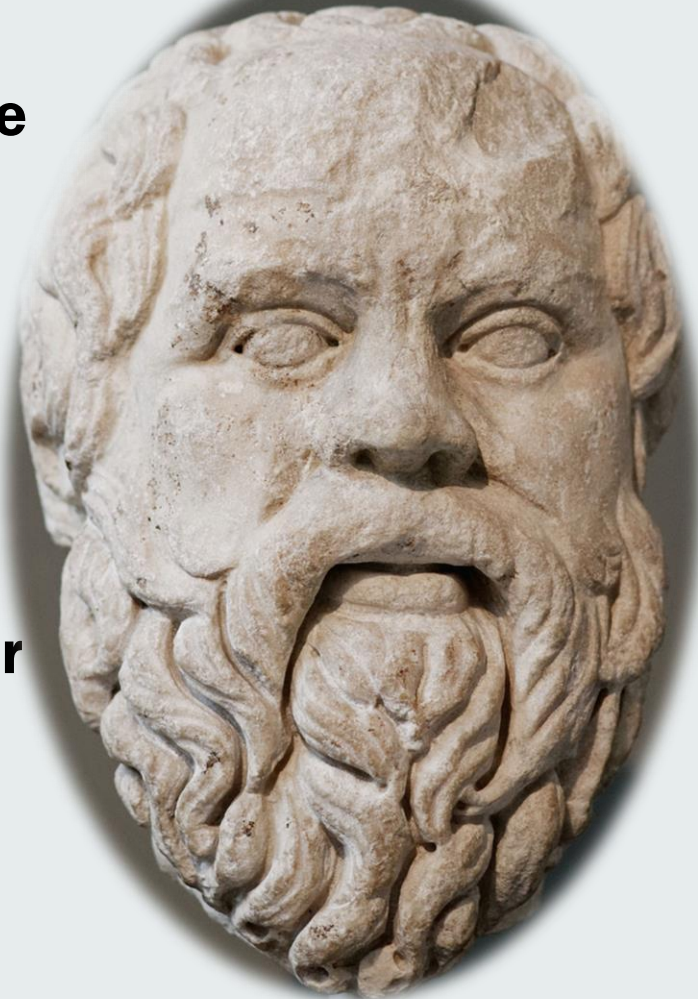
In this presentation I'll give a brief introduction on what philosophy is? And what do we have to study in the name of philosophy? So on.....

# Origin of Philosophy

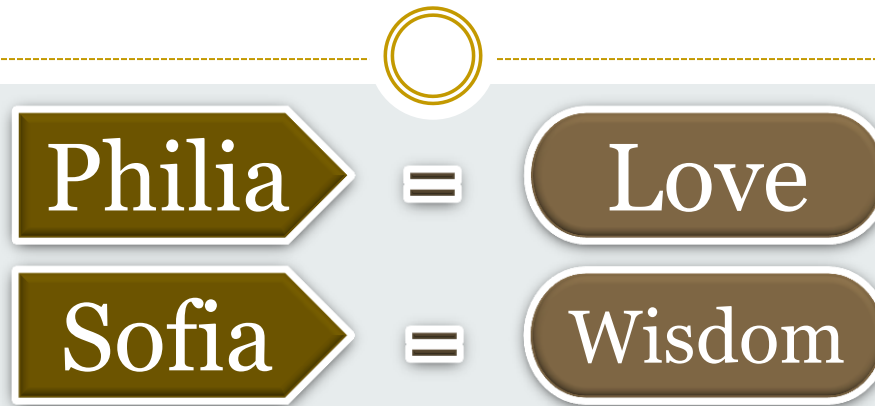


**Socrates, a Greek philosopher used the term philosophie as an equivalent to the search for wisdom. Also, the term wisdom is used as a general term for describing the intellectual probing of any idea.**

**The term “philosophy” is taken from the Greek word ‘phylos’ meaning “to love” or “to befriend” and ‘sophie’ meaning “wisdom”. Thus philosophy means “love of wisdom”.**



# Definition of Philosophy



- The study of the nature and meaning of the universe and of human life
  - Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary
- Truth of reason (Analytical propositions)
  - Immanuel Kant
- Philosophy is a systematic and comprehensive study of truth about life, about the universe, and everything including events, relationship and experience.
- Philosophy is a process of analysis, criticism, interpretation and speculation.

# Goals of Philosophy

- **Wisdom is the main goal of philosophy.**
- **Discovering the nature of truth and the nature of knowledge.**
- **It searches for what is basic value and importance in life.**
- **Examining the relationship between individuals and the society as well as humanity and nature.**



# Scope of Philosophy



- Nature of the Universe
- Standard of justice and conduct of life
- Validity of knowledge
- Concrete application of reason
- Criteria of beauty
- Relationship between languages and thought

# Branches of Philosophy



Philosophy

Logic

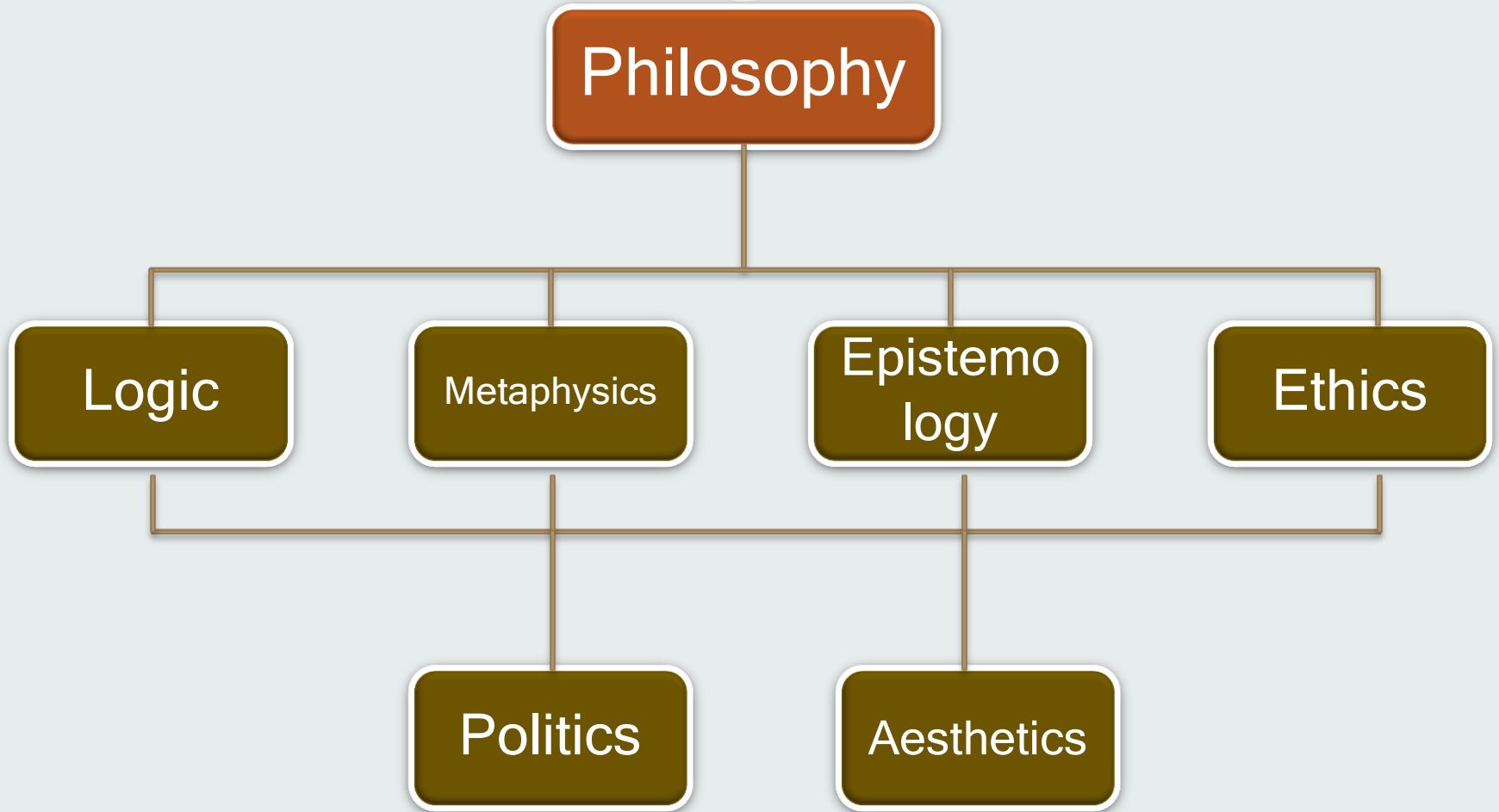
Metaphysics

Epistemology

Ethics

Politics

Aesthetics





# Importance of Philosophy



- 1. People can clarify what they are believing.**
- 2. We can be stimulated to think of ultimate question.**
- 3. Philosophy promises us better understanding of ourselves.**
- 4. The study of philosophy enables us to think carefully and clearly about important issues.**
- 5. Studying philosophy sharpens our analytical abilities, enabling to identify and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses in any position.**
- 6. It hones your ability to construct and articulate cogent arguments of your own.**

# Conclusion



**I hope that, now you may understand that what philosophy is? and what are the thing that we have to study in the name of philosophy. Every nation, culture, religion, community has its own set of philosophical beliefs.**

**Philosophy is the systematic study of ideas and issues, a reasoned pursuit of fundamental truths, a quest for a comprehensive understanding of the world, a study of principles of conduct and much more.**

**Philosophy has one major goal is the development of the total intellect of a person and the realization of the human potential.**

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## Dictionary

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**May the Triple Gem  
Bless You**