
Why Philosophy Matters – An Introduction To Philosophy

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Thinking About Thinking

(From your brain to the farthest reaches of the Kosmos. From the inner mind to...*the OUTER LIMITS!*)

I. Introduction. Going from that which we know to that which we may—or may not—wish to know. Our subject: homosapiens, us. (A bit of an egocentric beginning, I know.) The nature of sapiens, thinking beings, we who think and act and bump into things. (What about other species? What about them?)

II. Epistemology. How we know things. Can we know things? How we form beliefs, reliably or otherwise. What is truth? How much does it cost? (Everything.)

III. Language, truth and logic. Truth, propositions, knowledge. Philosophy of Language. Logic. (Stop repeating yourself.)

IV. Metaphysics. The nature of stuff. The Universe and its furniture. God. Dogs and cats.

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"We're all philosophers. We all think. Some of us get paid for it. Some of us don't." ---Johannus Anticlimicus
