



About Philosophy for Beginners

'Every seeker after wisdom knows that up to the time when philosophy takes it over, his soul is a helpless prisoner, chained hand and foot in the body, compelled to view reality not directly, but only through its prison bars, and wallowing in utter ignorance' (Socrates in Plato, The Republic).

- ◆ Do you want to explore life's 'Big Questions?'
- ◆ Do you want to discuss different ideas and world-views?
- ◆ Do you want to stretch your brain and improve your thinking skills
- ◆ Do you enjoy stimulating discussions and exploring philosophical issues?

Philosophy is a practice that explores ideas, assumptions and beliefs. Philosophy stimulates the brain and takes you outside of your normal thinking patterns. You can study Philosophy formally at university. Or you can think about the issues that Philosophy poses by yourself. Even better, you can join a small group of others and have fun discussing important Philosophy topics. This is what *Philosophy for Beginners* offers.

The Course

Philosophy for Beginners is a user-friendly approach to Philosophy, suitable for those who want to learn how to 'do Philosophy' in an informal setting.

Your only pre-requisites are a curious mind, a willingness to engage in thinking and discussion, and to listen to and reply respectfully to others. Sessions consist of topics and discussion questions. The aim is not to find agreement, but to find meaning.

Delivery

Philosophy for Beginners can be delivered to live groups in-person or over Zoom. We also have a pre-recorded video version of the course. This could be a good way to introduce yourself to Philosophy and see what it is all about. If you enjoy it, then contact us if you would like to do a live course, where you can discuss important topics with others.

You would learn the guidelines for discussion so that you know what to do and how to keep on track. Activities include probing assumptions, concepts, beliefs and conclusions. You learn about 'assertions' and 'arguments' and how to argue philosophically. When differences of opinion remain, Philosophy helps you to understand why. Philosophy is very good for the brain! Explore the Philosophy menu to see what is on offer right now.

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