



Philosophy Level I

Course Schedule

	Subject	Notes
Week 1	a) A brief introduction to the role and effect of Philosophy in history b) The Beginning: Socrates, Democracy, Virtue, Wisdom, Trial and death	
Week 2	a) Plato: early life - Plato's Philosophy (Doxa), Know Thyself, Knowledge as Judgement, Reality, Governing and Education b) Aristotle: early life - a universal method of reasoning, Logic, What is Real, Essence, Ethics and Struggle	
Week 3	a) Thomas Aquinas - The Effect of the Philosophy of Jesus, Aquinas on god, Rational Proof, Cardinal Virtue, Choice, Reconciliation of Faith b) Baruch Spinoza - Rationalism and Reason, God and Nature, Determinism, Mind/Body Consciousness, the Question of Eternity of Life	
Week 4	a) Rene Descartes Rationalism, Science, Cogito Ergo Sum, Mind/Body Question, Reductionism b) David Hume - Relation of Ideas, Inductive Reason, Consciousness and Reality, the Problem with Reason, Ethics, On God	
Week 5	a) Friedrich Hegel - Being and Not Being, Thought and Reality, Idealism, Alienation	

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Week 6	a) Soren Kierkegaard - By Virtue of the Absurd, God and Christianity, Truth and Self, the Leap of Faith, Despair/Angst and Dread	
Week 7	a) Crescendo: Schopenhauer/Nietzsche/Heidegger/Sartre and Existentialism - The late 19th Century and 20 th Century bring Existentialism	
