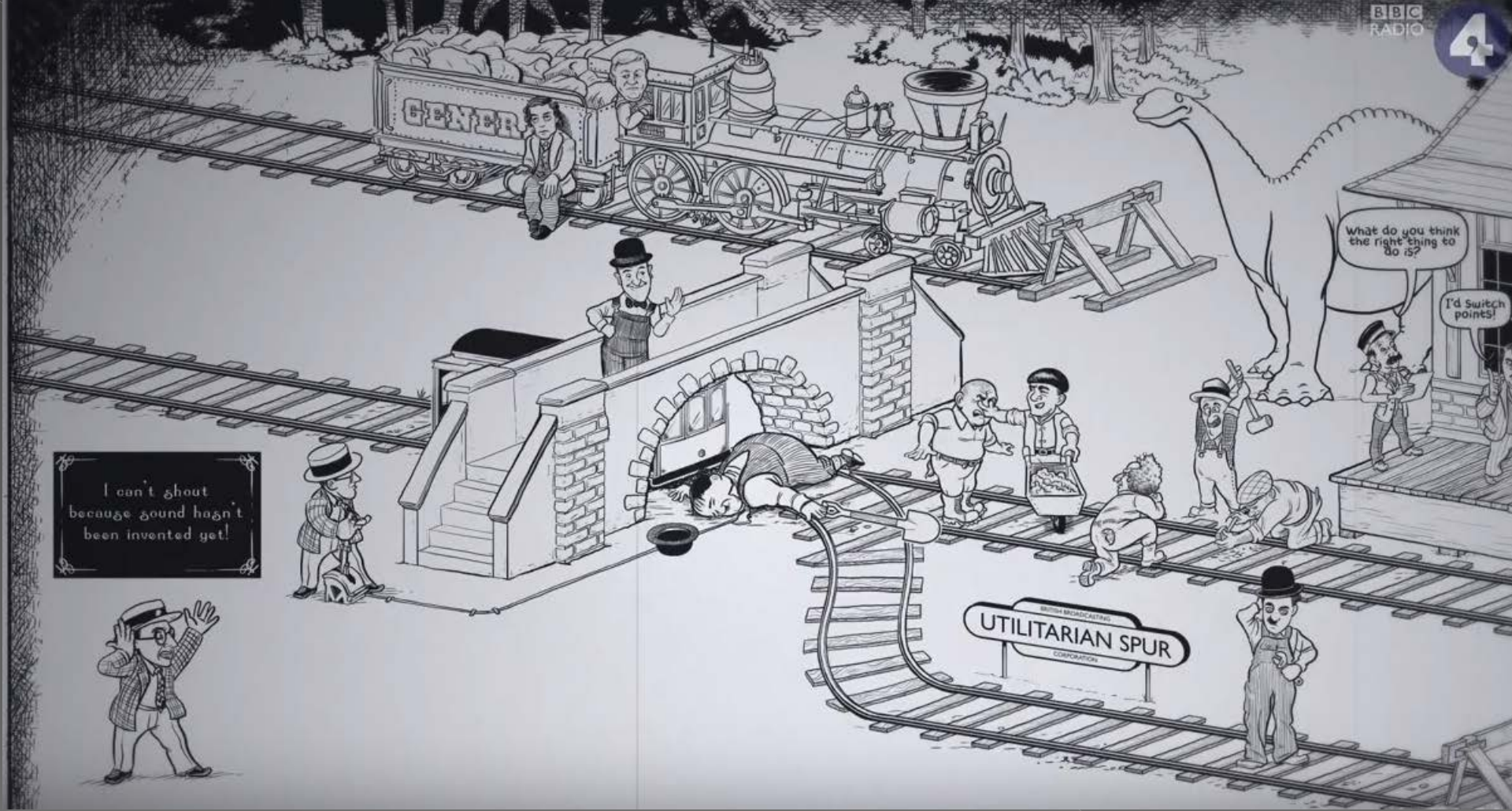
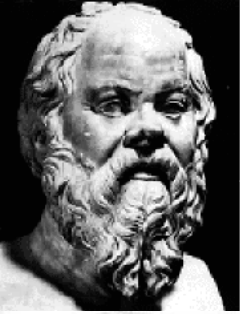


The Trolley Problem: There is a runaway train hurtling towards five workmen on a train track. You cannot stop the train, you cannot inform the workers but you can divert the train using a lever to another track. The only issue is there is a worker on the other track that will surely be killed. Your dilemma; do you flick the lever and kill one person or do you leave the lever and kill five?



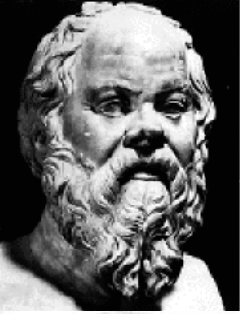
Now consider instead of a lever there is a very fat man on top of the bridge with you. If you push him off the bridge his weight will stop the train in its tracks and save the five workers, but if you don't the five workers will surely die. So do you push the man or not?



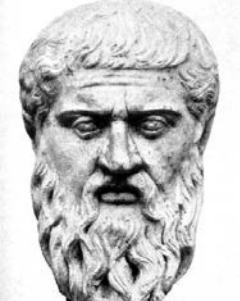
# What is philosophy?

- ◉ *Literal: the love of wisdom*

The study of knowledge, values and reality



# What is philosophy about?

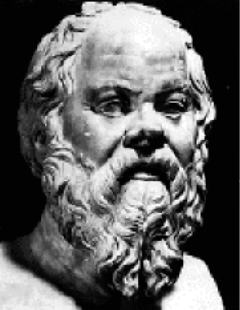


(reading Socrates) "The only true knowledge is knowing that you know nothing"



"Dude!  
That's US!"

○ *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*



A philosopher is a person who knows less and less about more and more, until he knows nothing about everything.



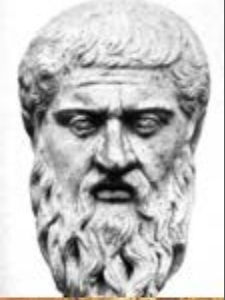
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# Course Structure



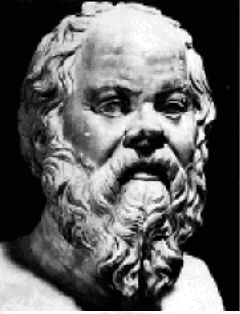
- Stage 6 Philosophy is a One Unit Preliminary Course
- Logic – 15hrs
- Epistemology – 15hrs
- Metaphysics – 15hrs
- Ethics – 15hrs
- COI discussions



*It is better to ask some of the questions than to know all of the answers – John Thurber*

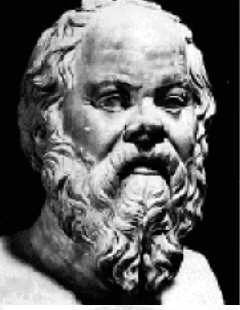
# Branches of philosophy

- Metaphysics and ontology
- Epistemology and knowledge
- Ethics and Morality
- Logic and infinity
- Aesthetics (beauty and art)
- Political
- Science

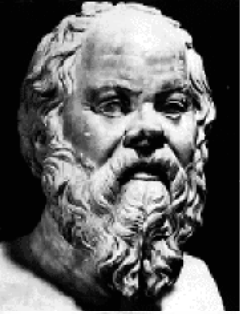


*Philosophy will clip an angels wings – John Keats*

- Metaphysics is the study of the nature of reality, the world and our existence







*All philosophies, if you ride them home, are nonsense; but some are greater nonsense than others – Samuel Butler*

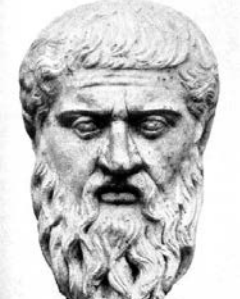
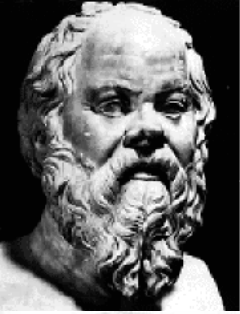


- Epistemology  
A study of the conditions and nature of knowledge

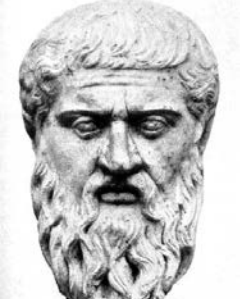
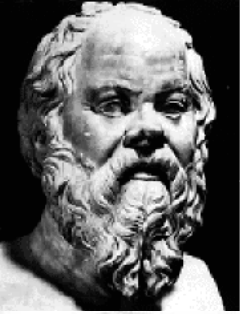


*There is only one thing a philosopher can be relied on to do,  
and that is to contradict other philosophers – William James*

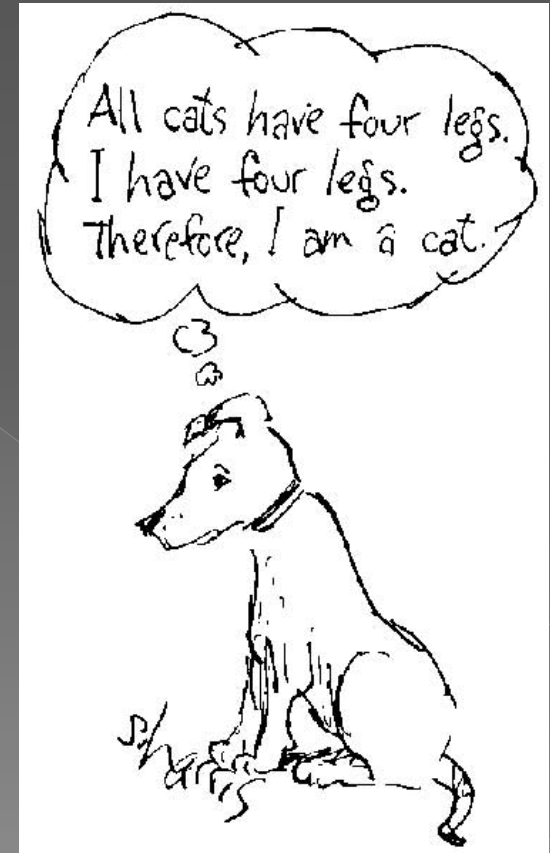
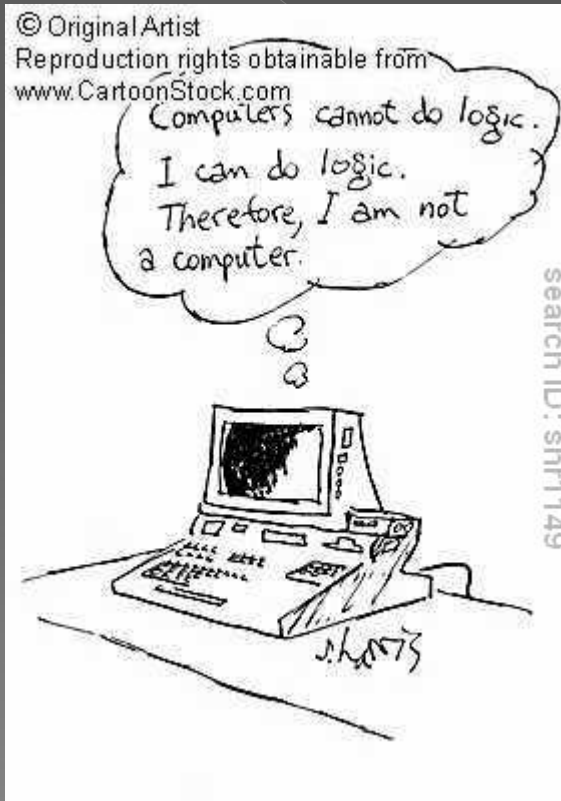
- ◉ Ethics – the study of our understanding of right and wrong, good and evil, virtue and dignity, morality



If I wished to punish a province, I would have it governed by philosophers –  
Frederick the Great



- Logic – the science of inference and deduction, the art of reasoning and argument



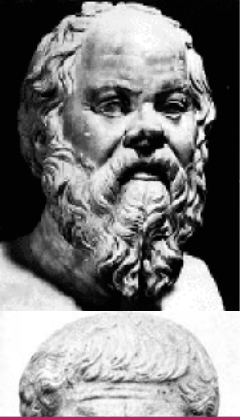


*Once you eliminate the impossible,  
whatever remains, no matter how  
improbable, must be the truth.*

*(Sherlock Holmes,  
Hounds of Baskerville)*



*Wonder is the foundation of all philosophy, inquiry the process, ignorance the end - Montaigne*



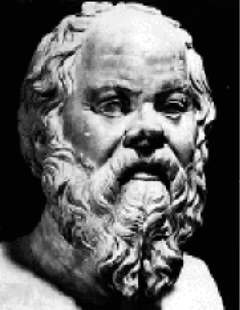
## ○ Aesthetics/Value – questions of the value of art and beauty

Notice the meticulous brush work. How the artist comments on the constant altering state of nature and our place within it.

All I see is a blank white canvas.



*Philosophy is not a theory but an activity - Wittgenstein*

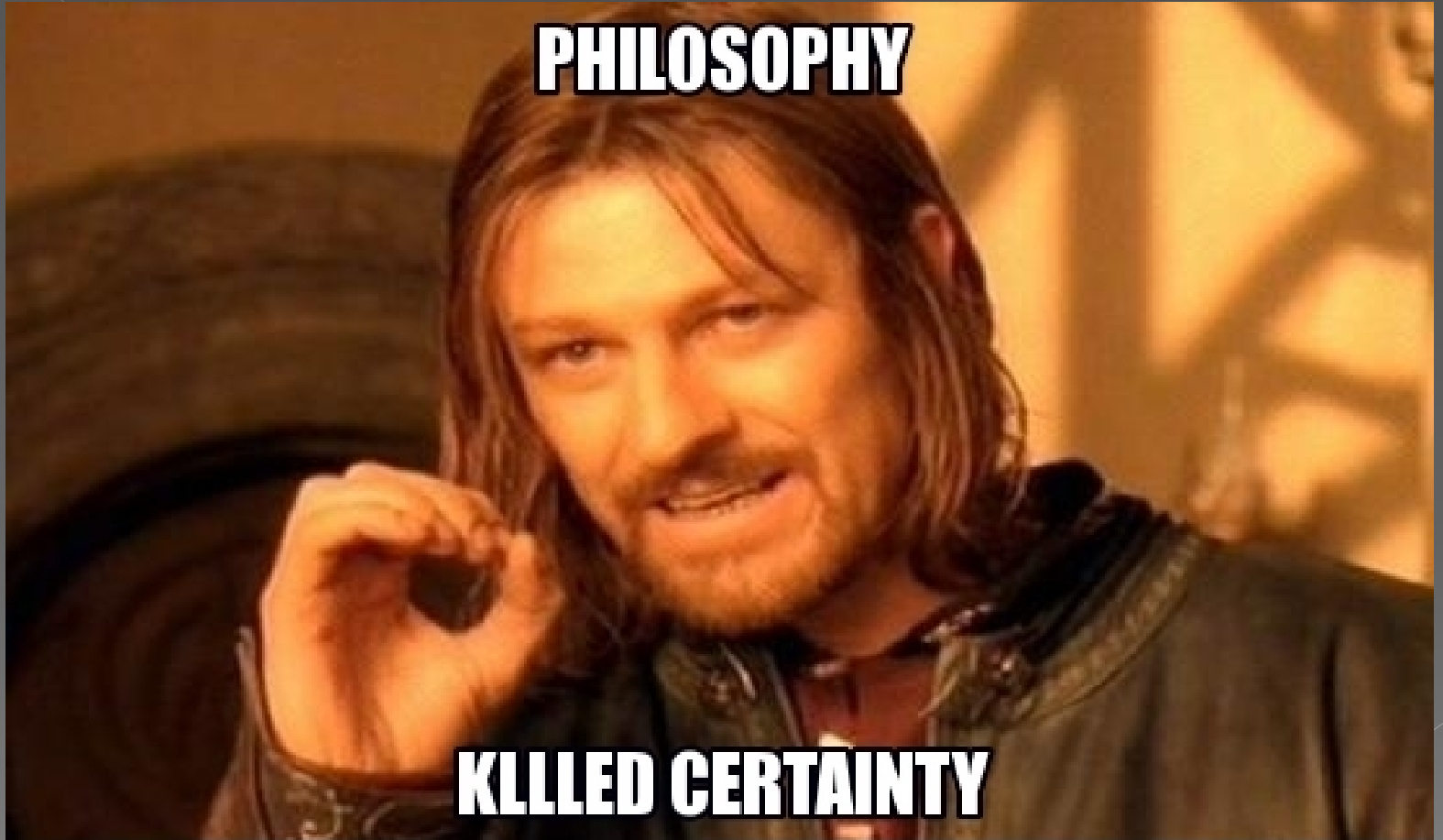
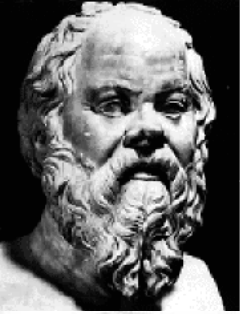


**WHAT IF THE BLUE I SEE**

**ISN'T THE SAME COLOR  
BLUE YOU SEE?**

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*Nature has instilled in our minds an insatiable desire to see truth*  
- Cicero









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