

# Knowledge knots - 3

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What the session was about:

This session was the third lecture and the conclusion of the discussion about the nature and analysis of knowledge by Professor Harjinder Singh. Topics like the purpose of knowledge, types of fallacies were discussed. This session also talked about the differences between science and pseudo-science.

What I liked about the session:

- The cartoons used in the session were very relatable and true.
- The slides and examples in the session were detailed as well, which I really liked.

What I did not like about the session:

- I disagree with the notion of nationalism being thought of as fallacious, as there exist many forms of nationalism, and a generalisation would not be possible.
- Nothing other than that, the talk was very informative.

My takeaways from the session:

Many types of misunderstandings, misinterpretations and fallacies are prominent in today's society. These lead us to make erroneous conclusions, which can create a chain of incorrect deductions and decisions. These fallacies can lead to incorrectly rooted perspectives as well. The other extreme, which is doubting everything, is not very useful as well, as we must have a certain amount of trust to acquire knowledge too. The evolution of science from something that was not

very well established to something that is very rigorous and concrete, is what distinguishes it from pseudo-science. Many examples from history also depict this. All the previously discussed topics in this series of lectures tied up make a framework that gives us a glimpse of the true nature of knowledge.