

# Knowledge knots - 2

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What the session was about:

The session was a continuation of the previous session by Professor Harjinder Singh and was a deeper analysis of the nature of knowledge. The session made us ponder about the various different means of knowledge acquisition.

What I liked about the session:

- The slides used in the session were highly informative. The examples were very relatable too.
- Got to learn about new perspectives from different people, and about what they believed in.
- Sir agreed to having a biased opinion himself, which was nice.

What I did not like about the session:

- Nothing, this session was very interesting too, just like the previous session.

My takeaways from the session:

Language, perception, reason and emotion are the primary means of knowledge acquisition. This session continued from where we left off last time. The language of science is unambiguous, and direct, which is pure conveyance of information. Most information conveyance is biased, like history and art, and hence we must consider many perspectives to acquire true knowledge. The notion of reason works on the system of having a premise and deriving an inference from the available premises. Reason alone cannot get us anywhere, as it can also lead us to extreme incorrect

conclusions. Emotions give a lot of information too, as experienced by us. Emotions alone can lead us to presume a lot of things that we think the person wants to convey, which is truly a powerful means of knowledge acquisition. This too, is not perfect on its own, as we can draw incorrect conclusions. So, we must understand the importance of all the means of knowledge acquisition, to validate the information and to truly learn.