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MODULE TWO

METHODS OF PHILOSOPHY

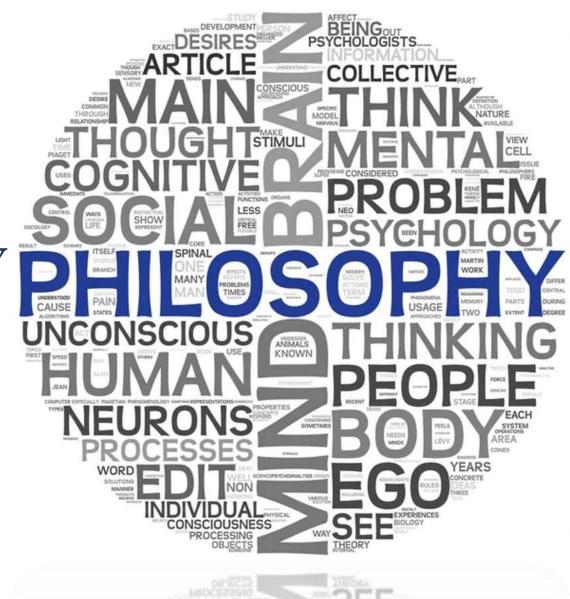
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Philosophy is an activity with different Methods, approaches, modes or styles some of which include:



Speculative

Prescriptive

Analytic

Historical



SPECULATIVE PHILOSOPHY

Speculative philosophy is a way of thinking systematically about everything that exists



Speculative philosophy is therefore a search for order and wholesomeness applied not to particular items or experience

It tries to understand how all the different things that have been discovered together form some sort of meaningful totality

It is an attempt to find coherence in the whole realm of thoughts and experience

Prescriptive
philosophy seeks
to establish
standards for
assessing values,
judging conduct
and appraising
art

It examines
what we mean
by good or bad,
right and wrong,
beautiful and
ugly

PRESCRIPTIVE PHILOSOPHY

It asks whether these qualities are in things themselves or whether they are projections of our minds

It is the kind of philosophy that looks to explain how the world is

It is typical of the grand metaphysical systems of Continental philosophy

it rejects
sensory
evidence and
instead seeks to
use pure reason
to say how the
world must
logically be

Analytic philosophy focuses on words and meaning

The analytic philosopher examines such notions as "causes", "mind", "academic freedom", "quality of opportunity",

in order to assess the different contexts, he shows how inconsistencies may arise when meanings appropriate in certain contexts are imported into others

The analytic philosopher tends to be sceptical, cautious and disinclined to build system of thought.

ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY



HISTORICAL PHILOSOPHY

Historical Philosophy here, we trace the development of ideas over time it is considered necessary that we go back to these ideas and see how they can be of help to the problems of our time A thorough philosophical study must be take into consideration what has already been discussed in that area in the past

But unlike in mere historical account, the major emphasis is to examine the logical relationship of ideas over the years

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