

In this class, we'll be focusing on five fundamental questions.

Which of these questions are we going to talk about in this course?


This course is an introduction to metaphysics and epistemology. Both of

these words also derive from ancient Greek words.

Epistemology is derived from the Greek word ἐπιστήμη (episteme), which was the word for knowledge or understanding. Epistemology is the study of what we can know about the world.

Metaphysics is derived from the Greek prefix μετά (meta), which means after, and the Greek φύσις (physis), which means nature. This might encourage the view that metaphysics is the study of the supernatural. Fortunately, it isn't. Metaphysics is a name for the study of the ultimate nature of reality.


So our topic is a broad one: the nature of reality and what we can know
about it.




Do you
have free
will?



**Is there a
God?**



**What are
you?**

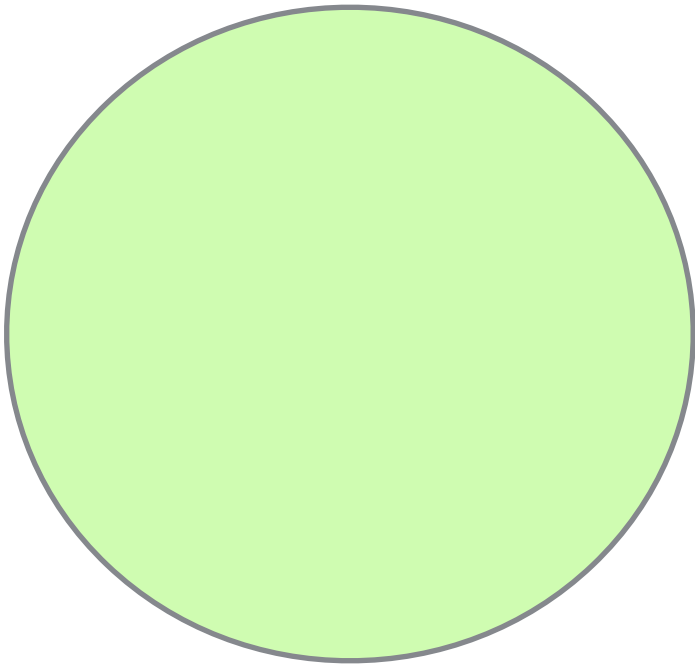


**What
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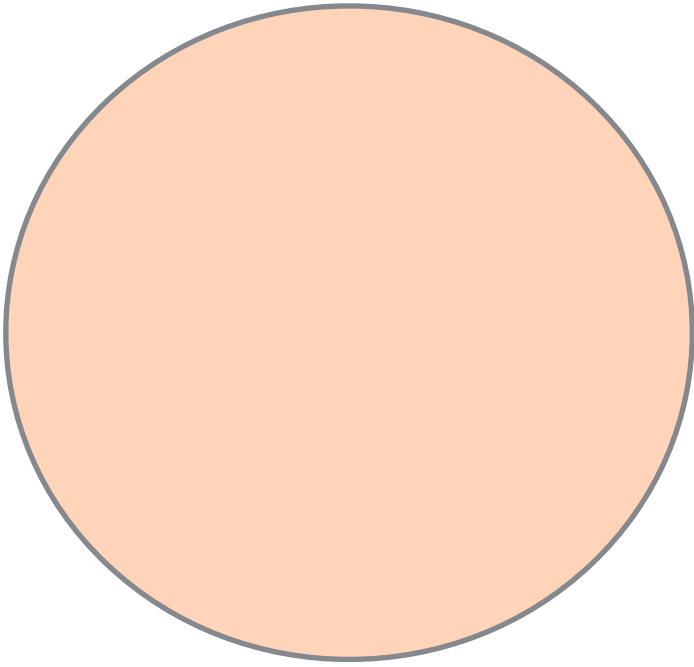
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**How
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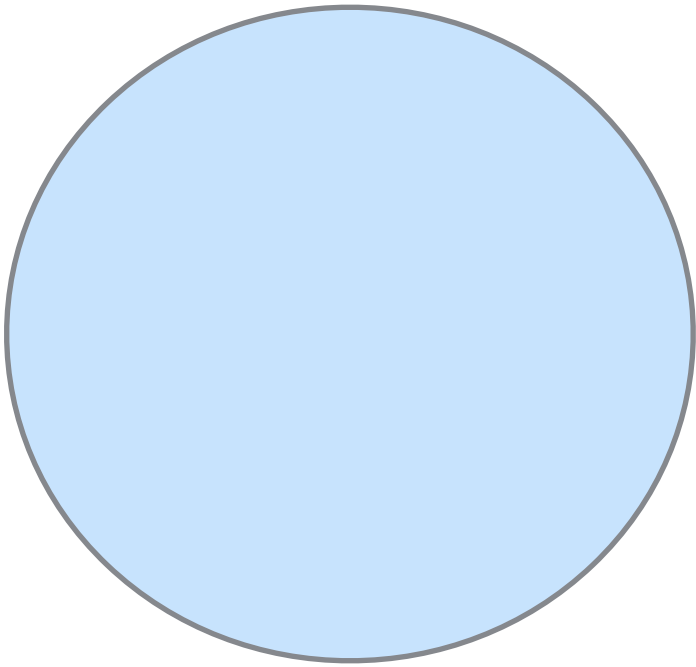
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Is there a God?



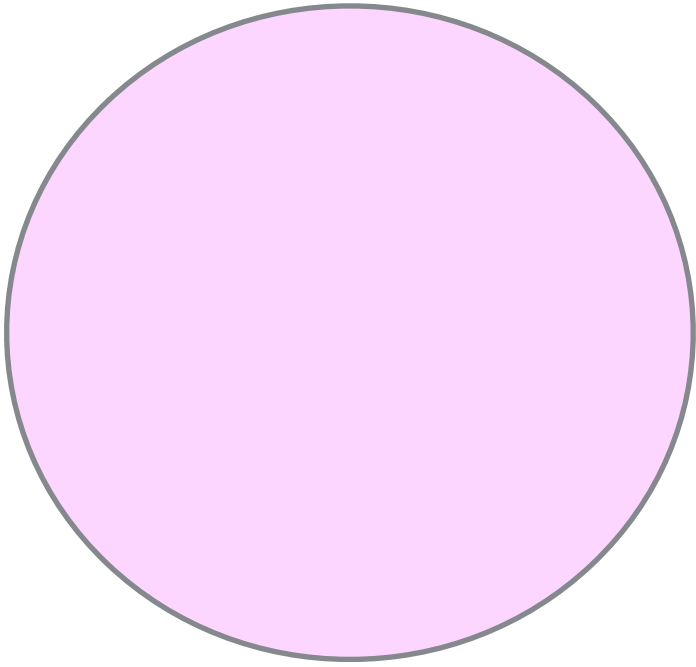
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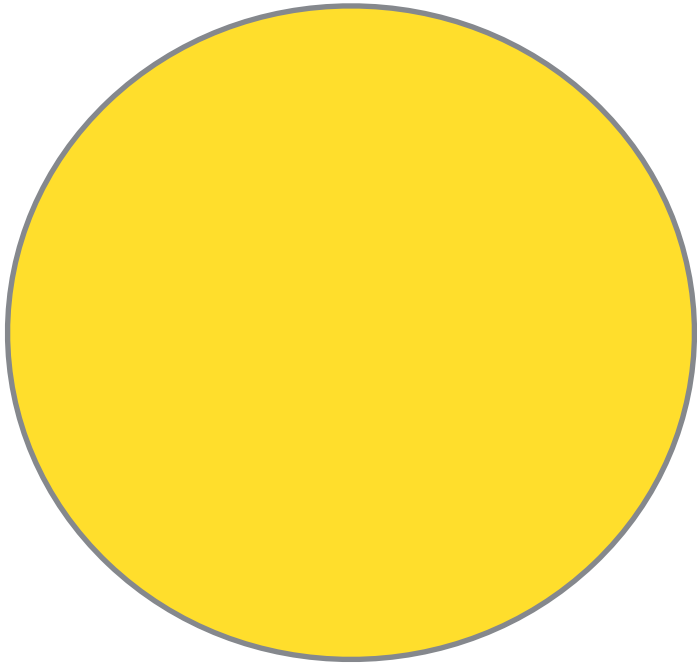
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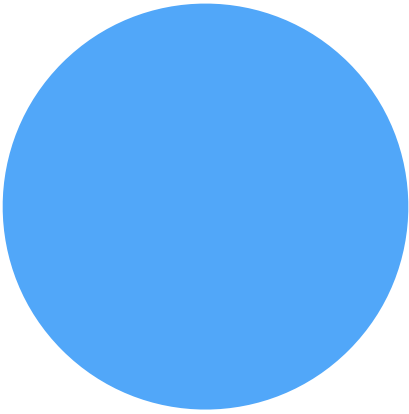
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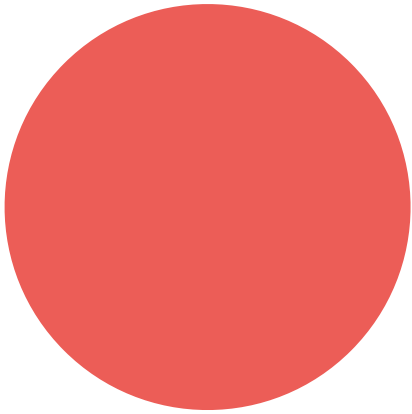
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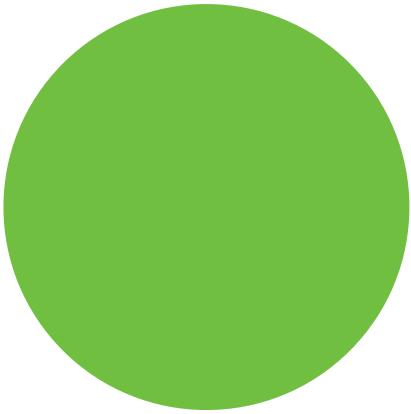
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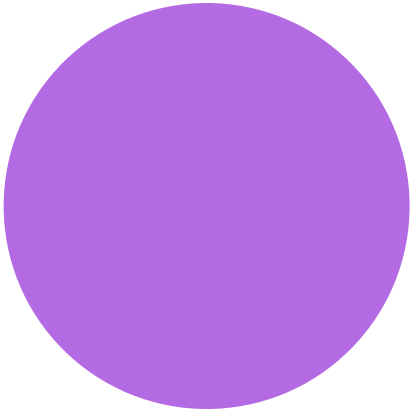
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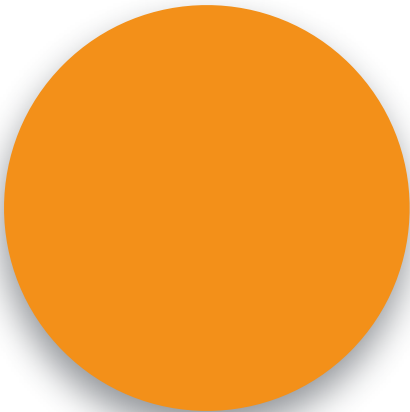
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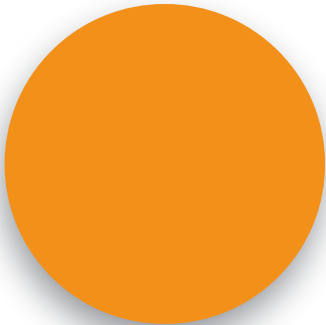




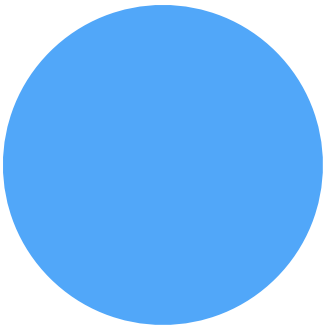
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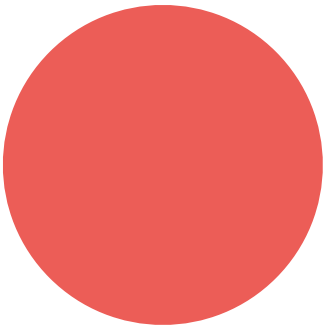
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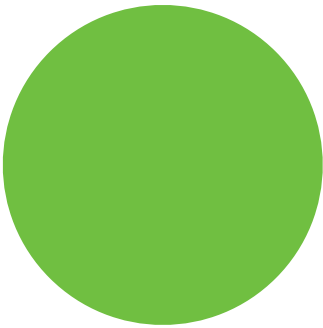
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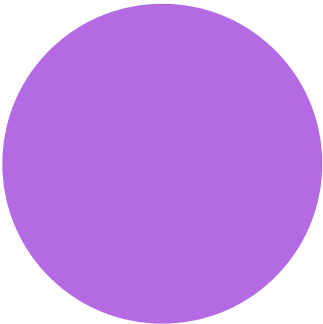


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