

# Philosophy 101

(4/19/11)

- **Grades update. Rough Curves for HWs 4/5 & Q5:**
  - **HW #4: 85-100 (A), 75-85 (B), 65-75 (C)**
  - **HW #5: 92-100 (A), 85-92 (B), 75-85 (C)**
  - **Quiz #5: 80-100 (A), 70-80 (B), 55-70 (C)**
- **Solutions to Quiz #3/4 and HW #5 now posted.**
- **HW #6 has been posted — due on Thursday.**
  - **2 reconstructions + 2 Extra Credit Problems**
- **Last 2 weeks: a few final topics from chs 6 & 7.**
  - **First, 2 more reconstructions (from handouts)**
- **Take-home final: TBA on 4/28. To be due 5/12.+  
+ More extra-credit (TBA on 4/28; TBD on 5/12)**

**Passage #1 from My “Seven Passages” Handout  
(has its own handout, which I distributed today)**

Dear Senator Jenkins,

I am writing to urge your support for higher salaries for state correctional facility guards. I am a clerical worker at Kingsford Prison, and I know whereof I speak. Guards work long hours, often giving up week-ends, at a dangerous job. They cannot afford expensive houses, or even nice clothes. Things that other state employees take for granted, like orthodontia for their children and a second car, are not possibilities on their salaries, which, incidentally, have not been raised in five years. Their dedication deserves better.

Very truly yours, . . .

## Passage #7 from My “Seven Passages” Handout

Sound logic is not always desirable. It is, in fact, the most dangerous of all things, if one starts with a false premise. In such a case, the more logically one reasons, the farther one gets from the truth. The only hope there is for a healthy conclusion or good thought, if a premise is false, is to make a slip somewhere in the reasoning process.