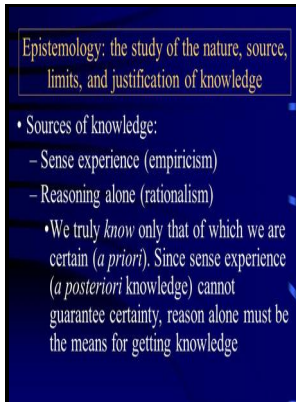


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However, even if Descartes took this view of the certainty of the cogito, he did not accept the general claim that certainty is grounded in indubitability. Such realism is also taken to be manifested in the essential bi-polarity of propositions; likewise, a straightforward reading of the picturing relation posits objects there to be represented by signs.

## Wittgenstein

He focused on the windows, doors, door knobs, and radiators, demanding that every detail be exactly as he specified, to the point where everyone involved in the project was exhausted. But now the sceptic mutates; he becomes a different and bigger monster. This has been taken to revert back to the ladder metaphor and the injunction to silence in the Tractatus.

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It could mean simply that the belief in question is justified as highly as any belief the subject happens to hold.

## Wittgenstein and Ethics

But can we go farther and say that one cannot legitimately enumerate what we know, no matter what it is we say we know? Wittgenstein was educated at home until 1903, after which he began three years of schooling at the Realschule in Linz. Adolf Hitler was also a student there at the same time, although it is not known whether the two knew each other. One might think that there were propositions declaring that chemistry is possible. Because knowing one thing is a precondition for knowing the other, and vice versa, I cannot know either of them.

## Wittgenstein and the Language Game View

This tendency is the real source of metaphysics, and leads the philosopher into complete darkness.

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