Introduction to Philosophy: Major Concepts and Problems
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30 hours

1. Introduction to philosophy: main divisions, concepts and methods.
3. Ethical theories: virtue ethics, 'love thy neighbour' ethics, ethics of natural rights, ethics of the social contract. Theory of the development of moral competences by L. Kohlberg.
12. Methodology of science: social sciences and natural sciences. Difference between natural sciences, formal sciences, social sciences and humanities. How do we explain things in science? How to distinguish science from pseudiscience, religion, magic and "folk metaphysics"?
14. Aesthetics: the reflection on beauty, sublime, ugliness and other categories. The beauty of nature and the beauty in arts. Aesthetic experience and aesthetic judgment, How are we to read works of art?
15. Hermeneutics: art of understanding. How do we interpret texts, cultures and ourselves? Subject, world, being and time in the existential thought.