

PHILOSOPHY

WHAT IS PHILOSOPHY?

Everyone has philosophical beliefs --- a great many of them, in fact. We are often unaware of them, but philosophical assumptions underlie nearly all of our thoughts and things --- such as the self, the physical world, God, knowledge, justice and beauty.

Philosophy is the critical study of these ideas. It seeks to analyze them, assess their rationality, and where problems arise, it seeks to suggest constructive alternatives. The questions philosophers address include the "big" ones that reflective minds in very age have wrestled with, such as "Does life have meaning?" "Is there a God?" "What is the mind?" "Is there an absolute standard of right and wrong?" and "What form of government is best?"

Thus, Philosophy is not only interesting in itself but also of immense practical value, for it equips one to think more clearly and more rationally about the important issues in one's life.

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News writer	Project Leader	Religious Researcher	Systems Analyst
Nursing Home Director	Psychologist	Religious Staff Writer	Technical Writer
Paralegal Assistant	Public Policy Manager	Research Analyst	Underwriter
Paralegal	Public Relations Representative	Salvation Army Worker	YMCA/YWCA Worker

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Ability to generate ideas, formulate and solve problems	Capacity for growth and transfer skills	Sees the world from the perspective of other individuals and other cultures
Ability to work with people	Perceives the relationships among various fields of study	Senses the meaning and varieties of human experience
Analytical and organizational skills	Research, verbal and written communications skills	

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