Philosophy 401.01 Introduction to Philosophy
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BEING, REASON, AND THE GOOD LIFE

In this class we will think through a variety of classics spanning the history of philosophy. We will set ourselves three goals, and situate these goals in a theme. Our first goal will be to address the question: What makes these texts *philosophical*? The second will address the question: Why are these texts *classics*? The third is perhaps a combination of the two and addresses the question: What do these texts have to do with us?

To hone these inquires further we will take the themes of Being, Reason, and the Good Life. In a sort of schematic form, these themes answer the questions: What really is? How do we know it? And, what are we to do? Put another way, we might ask:

Who are you?

Why are you here?

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What Now?

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