

# Introduction to Philosophy

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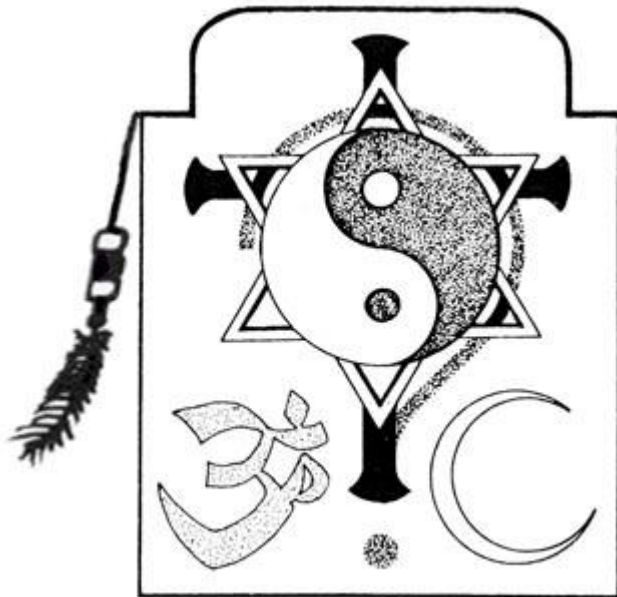
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## Have you ever wondered . . .

Why are we here? What is Ultimate Reality? How do we determine what is right and wrong?

What is consciousness? What is the self? What is the relationship between the mind and body, spirit and nature, and fate and free will?



In this course we will explore traditions of Western and Eastern philosophy from ancient Greece and Asia to contemporary ecophilosophy. Topics include the aims and functions of philosophy, ethics, social and political philosophy, epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of art, science and religion, and the human-nature relationship.



Confucius Asking Lao-tzu about Etiquette  
by Zhang Cuiying



The Death of Socrates  
By Jacques-Louis David