



My First Philosophy Book
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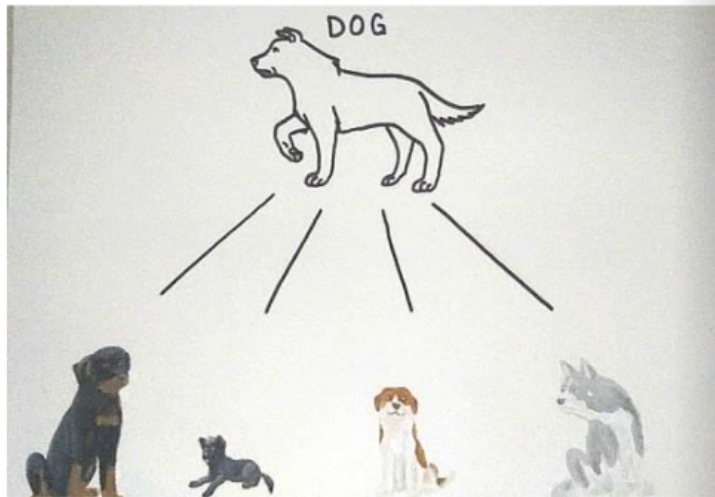
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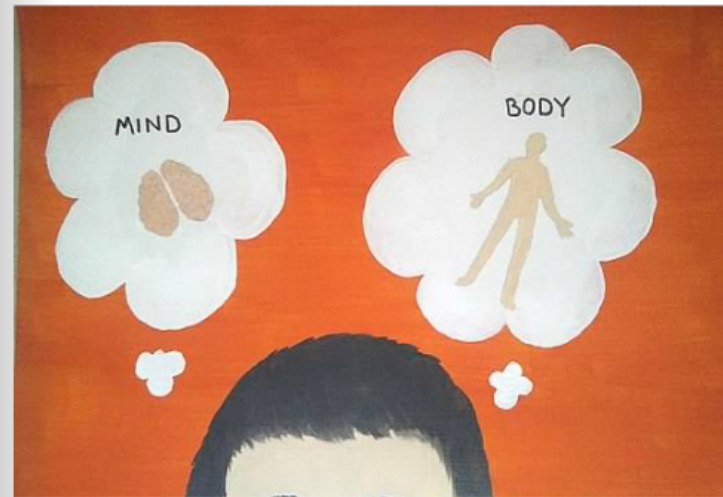
A is for aesthetics, which is concerned with the appreciation of beauty.



B is for bioethics, which is concerned with moral issues arising from advancements made in medicine and biology.



C is for concepts, the building blocks of thought.



D is for dualism, the view that the mind and body are different.



E is for ethics, which is concerned with what is morally right and what is morally wrong.



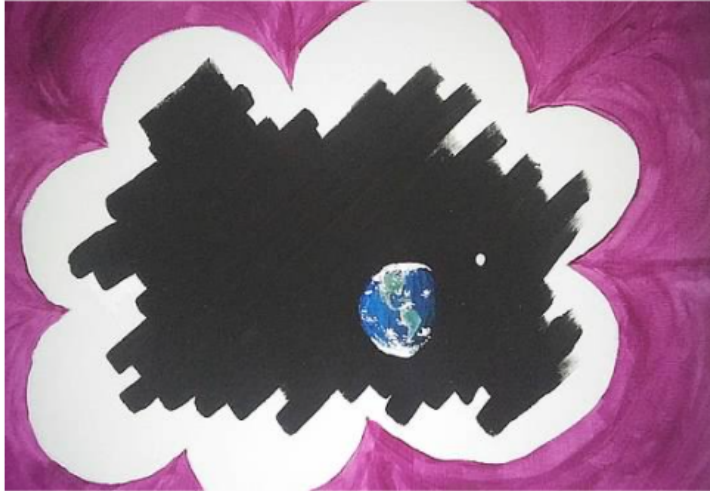
F is for free will. If we have free will, our actions are not entirely determined by the laws of nature and previous states of the universe.



G is for ancient Greek philosophy, which was used to make sense of the world.



H is for hedonism, according to which well-being comes from pursuing pleasure and avoiding pain.



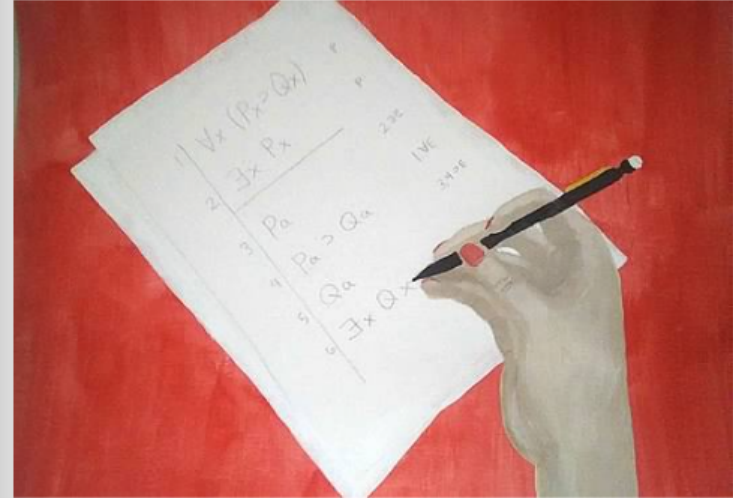
I is for idealism, according to which reality is nothing over and beyond perception and understanding.



J is for just war theory, intended to ensure that some wars are morally justifiable.



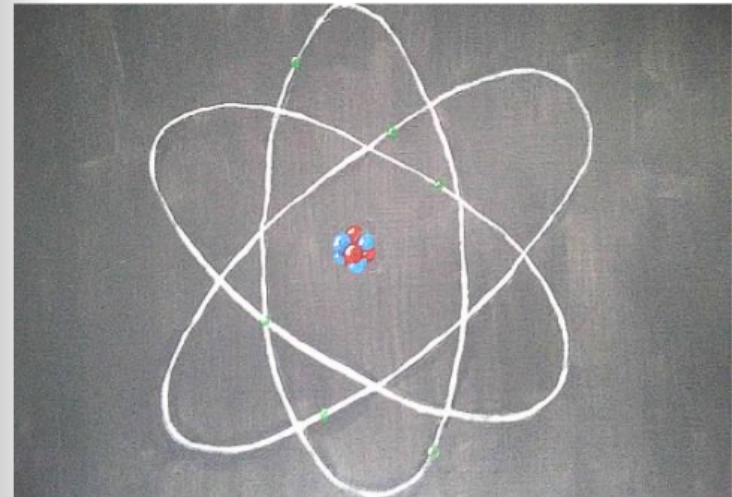
K is for Kantian ethics, which is focused on moral duty (as opposed to either the consequences of actions or emotions)



L is for logic, which is concerned with analyzing and evaluating arguments.



M is for multiple realizability, according to which a mental state, property, etc. can be realized by different physical states, properties, etc.



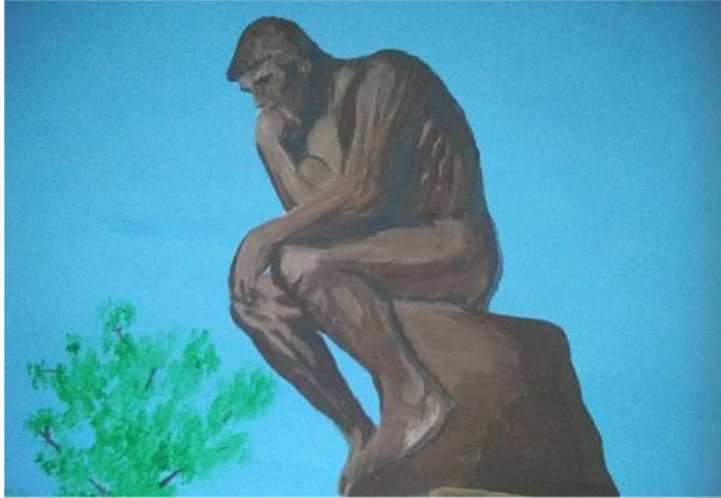
N is for naturalism, according to which everything in the universe can, in principle, be understood in terms of physical sciences.



O is for optimism. Optimists think or hope outcomes will be positive.



P is for Pantheism, according to which god is composed of all things in the universe.



Q is for quietism, according to which philosophy should be used in a therapeutic way.



R is for rationalism, according to which reason is the primary source of knowledge.



S is for simulation theory, according to which reality is an artificial simulation.



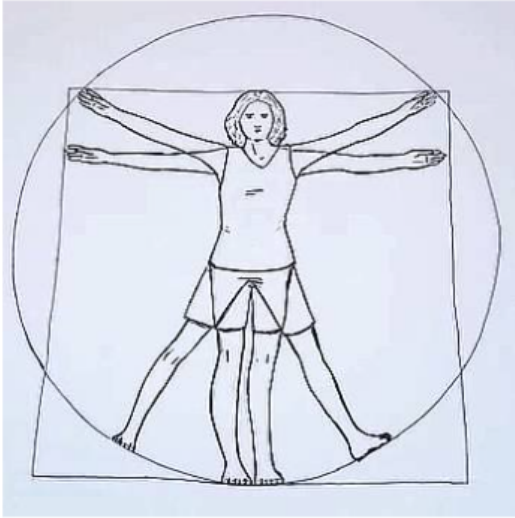
T is for transcendental idealism, according to which a person cannot cognize about things as they actually are, but only as they appear via the senses and cognitive faculties.



U is for utilitarianism, according to which we should perform morally good actions, which are to maximize pleasure and minimize pain.



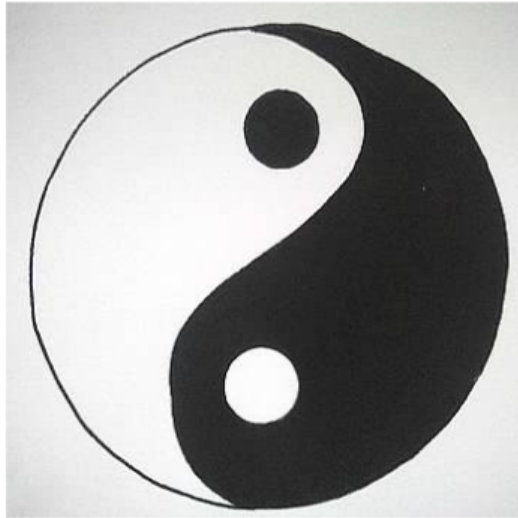
V is for vegetarianism, which involves not eating meat



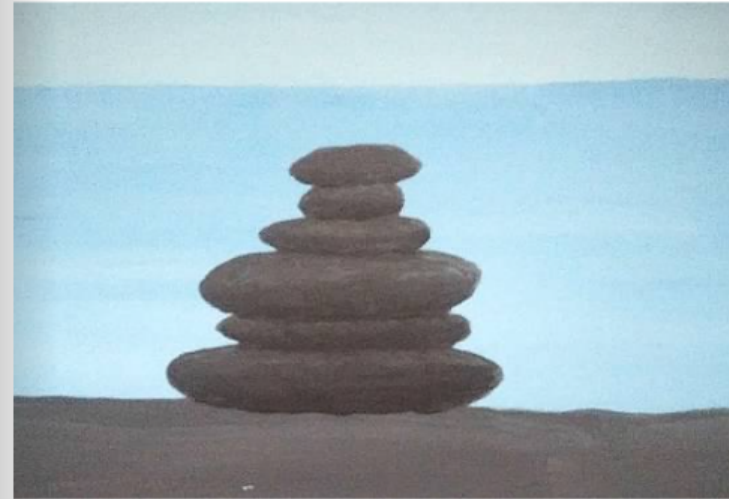
W is for wisdom, which involves thinking and acting based on knowledge, understanding, and experience.



X is for Xanthippe, who was Socrates' wife. Socrates was an influential ancient Greek philosopher.



Y is for yin and yang, two opposite forces which govern the operations and movements in the whole universe.



Z is for Zen, a school of thought which emphasizes meditation, self-restraint, and understanding the mind.