

# PART II

**WEK 5**

Sept. 22

***The Mind- Body Problem***

Bertrand Russell, "The Argument from Analogy for Other Minds"

Gilbert Ryle, "Descartes's Myth"

David M. Armstrong, "The Nature of Mind"

Daniel Dennett, "Intentional Systems"

Paul M. Churchland, "Eliminative Materialism"

in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY, pp. 285-325

***Minds, Brain and Machines***

A.M. Turing, "Computing Machinery and Intelligence"

John K. Searle, "Minds, Brains, and Programs"

in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY, pp. 326-353

Sept. 25

***Consciousness***

Thomas Nagel, "What Is It Like to Be a Bat?"

Frank Jackson, "What Mary Didn't Know"

David Lewis, "Knowing What It's Like"

in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY, pp. 354-367

*First papers are due on Friday, September 25th, in class.*

**WEEK 6**

Oct. 2

***Personal Identity***

John Perry, "A Dialogue on Personal Identity and Immortality"

Bernard Williams, "The Self and the Future"

Derek Parfit, "Personal Identity"

J. David Velleman, "So It Goes,"

Daniel Dennett, "Where Am I?"

in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY, pp. 368-420

**WEEK 7**

Oct. 6-9

***Freedom, Determinism, and Responsibility***

Roderick Chisholm, "Human Freedom and the Self"

Peter Van Inwagen, "The Powers of Rational Beings"

David Hume, "Of Liberty and Necessity"

Harry G. Frankfurt, "Alternate Possibilities and Moral Responsibility"

Harry G. Frankfurt, "Freedom of the Will and the Concept of a Person"

Thomas Nagel, "Moral Luck,"

in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY, pp. 421-480

*Paper topics for the second paper will be handed out on Friday, October 9th.*

*Papers are due on Tuesday, October 20th, in class.*

# PART III

**WEEK 8**

Oct. 13

*Classics of Epistemology (I)*

Plato, *Thaetetus*, pp. 161-68

in Perry & Bratman, **INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY**

*Classics of Epistemology (II)*

Rene Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, pp. 171-94

in Perry & Bratman, **INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY**

Oct. 16

*Knowledge and Experience*

Edmund Gettier, "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?" pp. 168-70

Robert Nozick, Excerpt from *Philosophical Explanations*, pp. 202-10

in Perry & Bratman, **INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY**

**WEEK 9**

Oct. 20

*Skepticism*

David Hume, "Of Scepticism with Regard to the Senses," pp. 211-24

in Perry & Bratman, **INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY**

*Induction*

W.C. Salmon, "The Problem of Induction," pp. 251-73

in Perry & Bratman, **INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY**

*Second papers are due on Tuesday, October 20th, in class.*

Oct. 23

*The Matrix*

Christopher Grau, "Bad Dreams, Evil Demons, and the

Experience Machine: Philosophy and *The Matrix*," pp. 185-202

in Perry & Bratman, **INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY**

*Paper Topics for the third paper will also be handed out on Friday, October 23rd. Papers are due on Tuesday, November 3rd, at the beginning of class.*

# PART IV

## WEEK 10

Nov. 3

### *Utilitarianism*

Jeremy Bentham, "The Principle of Utility"

John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism*

E.F. Carritt, "Criticisms of Utilitarianism"

J.J.C. Smart, "Extreme and Restricted Utilitarianism"

Bernard Williams, "Utilitarianism and Integrity"

Peter Singer, "Famine, Affluence, and Morality"

**James Rachels. "Active v. Passive Euthanasia" (Handout)**

in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY, pp. 489-5235

Nov. 6

### *Kantian Ethics*

Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysic of Morals*

Onora O'Neill, "Kantian Approaches to Some Famine Problems,"

David Velleman, "A Brief Introduction to Kantian Ethics,"

Thomas Nagel, "War and Massacre,"

in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY, pp. 536-58

## WEEK 11

Nov. 10

### *Aristotelian Ethics*

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*

Thomas Nagel, "Aristotle on Eudaimonia"

in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY, pp. 572-92

*Third papers are due on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, at the beginning of class*

Nov. 13

### *Challenges to Morality*

Plato, "The Republic,"

David Hume, "An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals,"

David Gauthier, "Morality and Advantage"

J.L. Mackie, "The Law of the Jungle:

Moral Alternatives and Principles of Evolution,"

J.L. Mackie, "The Subjectivity of Values,":

Gilbert Harman, "Ethics and Observation"

Nicholas L. Sturgeon, "Moral Explanations"

in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY, pp. 735-80

## WEEK 12

Nov. 17

### *Justice and Equality*

John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*

in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY

Nov. 20

Robert Nozick, "Justice and Entitlement"

G. A. Cohen, "Where the Action Is: On the Site of Distributive Justice"

in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY, pp. 607-44

**WEEK 13**

Nov. 24

***The Meaning of Life***

Susan Wolff, "Moral Sanits"

Albert Camus, "The Myth of Sisyphus,"

Thomas Nagel, "The Absurd,"

Richard Taylor, "The Meaning of Human Existence,"

Susan Wolf, "The Meanings of Lives,"

Thomas Nagel, "Death,"

in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY

*There will be a quiz in class on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.*

*The Final Paper Topic will be handed out in class, after the quiz.*

*Papers are due by 4:00 pm on or before Noon on Thursday, Dec.10<sup>th</sup>,  
in the Philosophy Department Main Office, RABB 303.*

***November 26-27 Thanksgiving Recess***

**WEEK 15**

Dec. 1

***Conclusion***

*The quizzes will be returned in class on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**WEEK 16*****Exam Period (December 7 – 14)***

*Papers are due by 4:00 pm on or before Noon on Thursday, Dec.10<sup>th</sup>,  
in the Philosophy Department Main Office, RABB 303.*