

Concepts & Cameos
A Page Or Two Of Philosophy

Concepts

**A BRIEF COURSE
in
WESTERN PHILOSOPHY
for
BUSY READERS**



Always wanted to study Philosophy?
Never had the time? Here's the solution.
A brief bird's-eye-view of the subject,
consisting of daily readings, five of them
to a week, taking only five minutes of
your time to read, and the rest of the day
to think about. Because, if Philosophy is
the art of wondering, the busy reader can

W - work through the

O - observations of

N - name-famous philosophers, and

D - define his or her own

E - estimate of

R - reality.

"The unexamined life is not worth living"
(Socrates)

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Cameos

**BRIEF NOTES
in
WESTERN PHILOSOPHY
for
BUSY BEGINNERS**



As a cameo can be an engraving on a gem
stone highlighting an image, or a short
appearance in a play or a film by a celeb-
rity, so the brevity of the daily readings in
this series is meant to highlight important
aspects of Philosophy, or make a short
appearance on its stage of thought.

A 5x5x5 Study Program

Five daily readings in five divisions of
Philosophy, taking only five minutes to
read.

*You could do it
over your morning
cup of tea or coffee*



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Simple Simon met a pie-man,
going to the Fair.
Said Simple Simon to the pie-man,
"Let me taste your ware".
Said the pie-man unto Simon,
"Show me first your penny".
Said Simple Simon to the pie-man,
"Sir, I haven't any".

Simple Simon went a-fishing,
for to catch a whale.

But all the water that he had,
was in his mother's pail

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Simple Simon didn't think,
he simply lived by feeling.
He'd find some lifestyle faiths today,
attractive and appealing.

For those with ancient Socrates
more readily agree,
here is a Course that all can do:

It's called Philosophy
For not worth living old Soc said,
of life without deep thought.
So, these little bits of "daily
bread",

to your wiser minds
I've brought.
(BC)



Well done!

Once upon a time, Philosophy
was a "closed shop". Now, it's
an open book. Highly skilled
professionals have popularised
the discipline, and brought it's great bene-
fits to people like us. Western Philosophy
is a vast databank preserving the thought
of perceptive thinkers in every period of
history. This very concise Course is de-
signed to highlight some important ele-
ments of that thought for lay people, busy
with the daily pressures of modern life.
Why? Because, "we become what we
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To give formal structure to the Course, here is a brief overview. Cameo-like, it highlights five important subject-areas of Philosophy. We begin with the **Story** of Philosophy, how the discipline entered the mainstream of human thought. Next, we observe the **Spirit** the search for philosophical truth requires; how truth requires truthfulness. Then, because there are special ways of applying what we learn, we review the specific **Schools** of philosophical research. We proceed to observe the various **Subjects** in Philosophy: *how much of me is me? Is there life on other planets? What is knowledge? What is Reality? What is truth?* Last but not least, we list some of the "**Stars**", great thinkers of the Western World, whose thought has passed the most vigorous test of all - survival.

It is important to understand how the Course is presented. Each of the 5 subject areas just mentioned are not presented **sequentially**, as in a textbook. The Course is composed of 20 parts described as Weeks or Days. In each part **all 5** of the subject-areas are represented in single concepts unrelated to each other. The reader may relate each concept to its subject-area by using the code at the bottom left of each page.

Code	S.1 = The Story	
	S.2 = The Spirit	
	S.3 = The Schools	
	S.4 = The Subjects	
	S.5 = The Stars	

The reader may also create a textbook, by downloading each page according to the code. Otherwise, the Course may be read as a series of 100 single concepts reflecting thought in Western Philosophy.