- Man's Thinking About The World
  - Non-Argumentation
    - Myths / Religious Doctrine
      - ***Hesiod, "Theogony"***
      - *Old Testament (#2)*
      - Upanishads (#4)
      - Gnostic: Gospel of Truth (#21)
      - Kabbalah (#28)
      - Koran (#2)
      - Avesta (#6)
      - New Testament (#18)
    - Epics
      - Illiad / Odyssey (#3)
    - Poetry
      - I-Ching (#1)
      - Tao De Ching (#5)
      - Dhammapada (#14)
    - Almanacs
      - Confucius (#7)
    - This is ridiculous....let's be rational about this!
  - Rational Construction
    - Being is Made of...
      - Milesians
        - Dense Mist: "aer": air: Anaximenes
        - Transcendental: "aperion": Anaximander
        - Water: Thales
    - Being is Bounded...
      - Pythagoreans
    - proto-Theory of Knowledge
      - Xenophanes
        - anti-Hesiod
        - anti-anthropomorphic God
      - Heraclitus
        - "Opinions are *plaything*s'
        - "Much learning does not teach insight
        - "Those who seek gold dig up much earth but find little
    - mystical Rationalists
      - Heraclitus
        - proto-Nietzschean
          - One man is ten thousand to me if he is best
        - It is law, too, to obey the counsel of one
        - The wise is one alone: it is unwilling and willing to be called by the name of Zeu
      - Parmenides
        - There is a way of opinion and a way of fact
        - Philosophy as poetry
        - The world is the battle between love versus chaos
        - The milesians can't be right, we see change!
        - Things don't really change, they always are
          - "Wait, how can that be?"
          - Parmenides is hinting around the notion of substance and accident, notions that Aristotle will codi
    - Respondents to Change and Continuity
      - Anaxagoras
      - Empedocles
        - These guys are ridiculous, time to have fun
          - Zeno of Elea
        - Maybe we should go back to a "made of" model"?
    - Being is Made of (2)
      - Atoms
        - Leucippus
        - Democritus
    - No, it's really like Parmedies Said...
      - Melissus
      - This is absolute nonsense...
  - Rational Construct Arguments are refutable
    - The Sophists
      - We can make any argument ridiculous
      - We can disprove anything
      - Nothing created thus far can endure
      - Ultimate argument destroyer: Socrates
  - Rational Constructs are a waste: Socrates
    - Sophists are decadent time-wasters
    - Theory of being guys are time-wasters
      - "Euthyphro"
    - I want to pursue the good life
    - I will argue everyone into realizing the fallability of the time-waster
    - You should want the good life
      - Good life is important, but understanding the world is important too
    - While I can outargue the Sophists, I don't want any emulators: Pursue the Good Life
  - Rational Constructions were weak..until mine
    - We Will address the sum total of previous questions
    - Authors
      - Plato
        - Topics
          - Theory of Knowledge
            - "Theateatus"
          - Biology
          - Politics
            - "Gorgias"
            - "The Republic"
          - The Good Life
            - "Apology"
            - "Crito"
          - Virtue
            - "Protagoras"
          - Metaphysics
            - "Meno"
            - "Phaedo"
            - "Symposium"
            - "Parmenides"
          - Being is...
            - "Timaeus"
            - Pythagorean Influence
        - What to Buy: Collected Works
        - Commentary:
          - Plato asked the questions of import, until Kant, it's just answering these, really
      - Aristotle
        - Plato was close but here's my take
        - Topics
          - Poetics
          - Physics
          - Ethics
          - Metaphysics
          - Categories
          - Language: "De Interpretatione"
          - Argumentation: Topics
          - Philosophy of Science: "Posterior Analytics
          - proto-psychology: Study of the sou
        - What to Buy: Collected Works
        - Handles Topics:
          - What things are made of
          - How things can change and yet still be the same
            - "On Generation and Corruption'
            - Causes and being: "Metaphysics"
        - **Take Aways**
          - Substance Versus Accident
          - Types of Causes
          - Change / Generation / Corruption
  - post-Aristotle and Plato
    - Thought: Well that covers the physical world
    - How show we now choose to live
      - Cynics
        - Back to Socrates!
        - Heraclitus' Influence
        - You're all corrupt and addle-headed
        - Diogenes
      - Stoics
        - We're men, we deal
        - Marcus Aurelius
          - Meditations (#22)
        - Seneca
      - Epicureans
        - Lucretius: "Nature of Reality" (#16)
      - Phyronism: "Outline" by Sextus Impiricus (#23
    - Reconciling Judaism with Philosoph
      - Philo: "Exposition" (#17)
      - Maimonides: "Guide for the Perplexed" (#27)
    - Reconciling Christianity with Philosoph
      - Book of John
      - Summa Theologica: Aquinas: (#29)
      - St. Augustine: "Confessions" (#25
    - Reconciling Gnosticism with Philosoph
      - Plotinus: "Enneads" (#24)
  - Catholicism / "The Dark Ages"
    - Uhm, not much happened here
      - Aristotle
      - Aquinas
      - Bible
      - Interesting histories
      - Social Changes
        - Stable Kingdoms
        - Specialized work
        - Intellectual class
    - Social foundation laid: Changes in 15th century
  - 15th Century - Enlightenment
    - Split: Natural Philosophy (aka "science") and metaphysics ("philosophy"
    - Natural philosophy versus the church
      - Copernicus "De Revolutionibus" (#36)
        - Heliocentrism, contra church
      - Kepler: "Astronomia Nova"
        - "Harmony of the World" (#39)
        - Shows heavenly spheres move in non-Holy ellipses - contra Churcl
      - Galileo
        - "Dialogue Concerning Two New Chief World Systems" (#32
        - Imperfections in super-lunar spheres, contra church
    - Catholic Church's lock on intellectual progress break
      - Galileo proves the Aristotelian super-lunar sphere plan is bunk
      - Proves Church theology is factually fallibl
      - Church starts to burn people
      - Natural Science Suffers
    - Handy to be in non-Catholic Countrie
      - Francis Bacon
        - "Novum Organum" (#40)
      - Erasmus: "Praise of Folly": (#31)
      - Luther: "On the Babylonian Captivity of the Church": (#33
      - Calvin: "Institutes of the Christian Religion" (#35
    - Need for religious moderation
      - de Montaigne: "Essays": (#37)
      - Rousseau: "Confessions" (#61)
      - Pascal: Pensees: (#46)
      - Descartes: Discours: (#43)
  - Enlightenment - return of "philosophy
    - Theory of Knowledge
    - Picking up from Aristotle
      - Main line thread of modern philosophy
      - CRITICALLY: Hinges on understanding of substance versus accident
        - Substance: The object in the world that endures
        - Accident: Properties associated with an object
        - Example
          - The substance: Car
          - Accident: Red, Fiat, Convertible
    - Question: How do I know that what I see out there, is how it actually is
      - Or, how do I know my perception of the accidents are the same as yours?
      - Task: Reconcile this question and Christianity
      - Authors' Answers
        - Descartes: "Meditations"
          - It could be the work of a genius
          - The world could be full of automata
          - God could be willfully deceiving you
            - But he wouldn't!
            - But he could
              - And he might
                - Contradiction
          - Notion of "clear and distinct" truth
            - Something essential, like 2+3=5
            - Or all triangles have 3 sides
            - Some truths are essential and immutable like thi
            - We can build a philosophy out of these!
        - Spinoza: Ethics: (#47)
          - Mind is God
          - God is mind
          - Our mind is God
          - God is our mind
          - Everything we perceive is God
        - Berkeley: "The Principles of Human Knowledge" (#51)
        - Hume: "A Treatise of Human Nature" (#53)
        - Locke: "Essay Concerning Human Understanding" (#50)
        - Leibniz: Works: (#45)
        - Voltaire: Candide: (#16)
          - Leibniz you're an idiot
  - Kant
    - So Iconic he deserves his own section
    - Critique of Pure Reason (#60)
      - Exist things as they are in a 'noumenal' world
        - Realm of Plato's Forms
        - What God Sees
        - No accidents, substance only
      - Exist things in a 'phenomenal' world
        - Chiefly a flurry of changeable accidents
        - As we see them, day to day
      - There exist two primary knowledges required for experience
        - Space
        - Time
        - These are a priori
      - Many other ideas
        - It's very good
        - Buy it
        - Leatherbound, preferably
  - anti-Kant and Phenomenology
    - pre-Hegel
      - Fichte
      - Schelling
    - Hegel
      - Atheist
      - Phenomenology of spirit (#66)
        - As we never experience the noumenal world, why posit it
        - There is no plurality of minds in the noumenal world
        - All humanity shares the same Mind, we manifest as different, individual person:
          - Unified "mind" is called "Spirit"
      - The Philosophers of "History"
        - Marx
          - "Communist Manifesto" (#71;
        - Engels
      - In light of the fact that we're only certain of phenomenological experience - how do we have the good life
        - Back to Socrates!
        - Successors
          - Kierkergaard
            - Either / Or (#70)
          - Dostoyevksy
      - The Dialectic
        - All opposition is subsumed
        - All polarities resolved
        - Cycle
          - Thesis
          - Antithesis
          - Synthesis
      - History is the process of Spirit reconciling itself via dialect
      - Take Solomon's In the Spirit of Hegel along with you
    - Darwin / Malthus' Influence
      - Herbert Spencer: First Principles: (#79)
  - post-Hegellian Phenomenologists
    - Schopenhauer
      - The World as Will and Idea (#67)
      - Darwinian
      - Man is driven bindly, passionately by an urge to create: The Will
      - Art is mans highest endeavor
      - Very sturm und drang -ish
    - Nietzsche
      - Dionysian art was best
      - The Artist
        - Passion, love, war, excellence, these are worthy
        - Virtue ethics' rebirth
      - Man
        - Should be beautiful
        - Should be passionate
        - Should be string
        - Should be lived well
      - Life
        - Without regret
        - Without service to a diety
      - Thus Spake Zarathustra (#79)
    - Heidegger
      - Being and Time
      - What is Being? Why hasn't it been questioned!
      - How do people actually experience being?
        - Foreshadow: 2nd class studies
        - Beginning work around the notion of "The Other
        - How institutions turn people into servants of a clas
    - Influence of Freud and Psychoanalysis
      - "The Interpretation of Dreams" (#80)
      - Jung: "Psychological Types": #84
    - Sartre
      - Response to Heidegger
      - "Being and Nothingness" (#89)
        - Man has free will and can live as freely as he likes
        - Institutions do not determine the man, his choices d
        - It is unethical to mis-portray oneself
        - Advanced notion of "The Other'
      - French Existentialism
        - Camus
          - Life is absurd
          - Man must act anyway, he should live fulb
          - To resist the absurd is the defining act of the aware man
        - de Beauvoir
          - Life as woman is a 2nd-class affair
          - Woman is not a plaything
          - Second Sex: (#91)
        - Merleau-Ponty: Phenomenology of Perceptior
    - Positivism
      - Comte: Course in the Positivist Philosophy (#68
      - James: Pragmatism: (#78)
  - post-War European Philosophy
    - arch-Influences
      - Kant
      - Hegel
      - Hussert
      - Heidegger
      - The Other
      - Language
      - de Saussure
    - Quasi-Revolutionaries
      - Rosa Luxemburg
      - Lukacs
      - Gramsci
      - Hannah Arendt
    - France
      - Ricoeur
        - Personal favorite
        - Very readable
      - Levinas
      - Structuralism
        - Althusser
        - Levi-Strauss
        - Lacan
        - Foucault
        - Barthes
      - post-Structuralism
        - Kristeva
        - Deleuze
        - Irgaray
        - Lyotard
      - Deconstructionism
        - Derrida
        - early Baudrillard
    - Germany
      - Wittgenstein
        - Tractatus Logico-Philosophicu
        - Philosophical Investigations (#
      - Martin Buber: I and Thou: (#85)
      - Gadamer: "Philosophical Hermeneutics"
      - Walter Benjamin
      - Horkheimer
      - Adorno
      - Marcuse
      - Habermas
  - North American / Anglo Philosoph
    - Bio-Linguistic
      - Chomsky: Syntactic Structures: (#96)
    - Hayek: Road to Serfdom: (#90)
    - Post-Human Philosophy / Post Singularit
      - Norbert Wiener: Cybernetics: (#92)
      - Kurzweil
      - Skinner: Beyond Freedom and Dignity (#100)
    - Searle: Intentionality
  - post-Reality
    - Late Baudrillard: "Simulacra and Simulation'
    - Reality is an outmoded concept
      - It is a constructor
      - It is generated by a profusion of signs
    - No Reality is real, not just this convention mumbo-jumb
      - Return of the Unified Theorists (a la Plato, Aristotle
        - Fukuyama

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