

# Handouts

- **Lecture №2 From the history of world philosophy**
- **Philosophy**
- **3 credits**
- **assist. professor**

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# Discussion for Lecture:

- **1. A brief overview from antiquity to the present day;**
- **2. The Medieval and Modern Ph-y;**
- **3. Viktor Frankl: “Man's Search for Meaning”.**

# Previous L. Keys for understanding of Philosophy

- Synonyms for Philosophy –  
**science.**
- Ph-y - through **combination**  
all subjects describing world  
(Picture of world).



## The 3 historical types of outlook:

**1. Mythology** - system of legends;

**2. Religion** – based on faith and believe;

**3. Philosophy** – close to the science and rational, theoretical way of knowledge



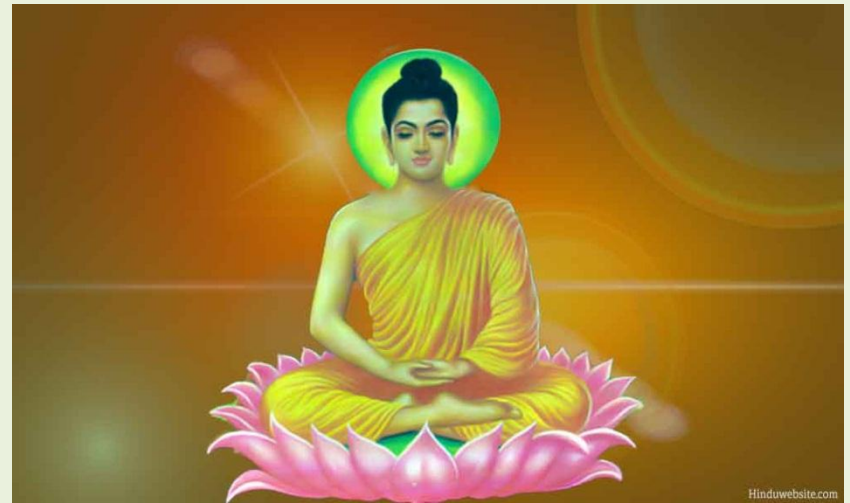
## BRIEF HISTORY OF PH-Y:

1. **The ancient oriental Philosophy – mythology;**
2. **The Ph-y of ancient Greece, Rome – rational;**
3. **Medieval Ph-y – Religious;**
4. **The ph-y of Renaissance –Enlightenments;**
5. **The New Age Ph-y – Epistemology;**
6. **German classical ph-hy – Systematic;**
7. **Ph-y of the 19<sup>th</sup> century – Irrationalism;**
8. **Philosophy of the 20<sup>th</sup> C. – Existentialism;**
9. **Present-day Philosophy – Analytical.**

# 1 Ancient Philosophical thoughts

In China - Confucius      In India - Buddha

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# **Buddhism and Confucianism a philosophy or a religion?**

- **The answer depends on what you mean by religion. If a religion has to have a belief in a god then Confucianism is not a religion. But if it meets religious needs, then perhaps it is a religion.**

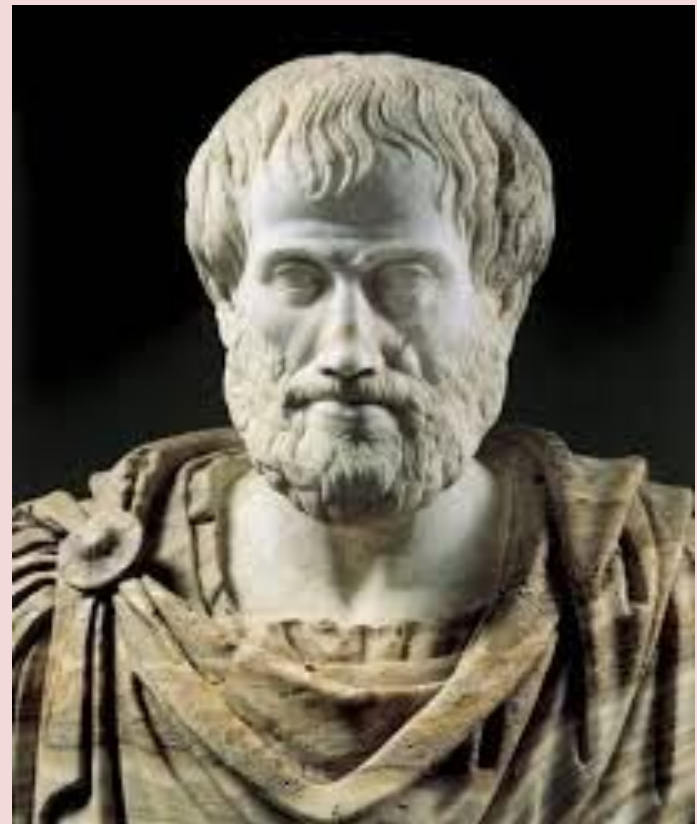


# Ancient Greek Philosophical thoughts

**Plato - Government**



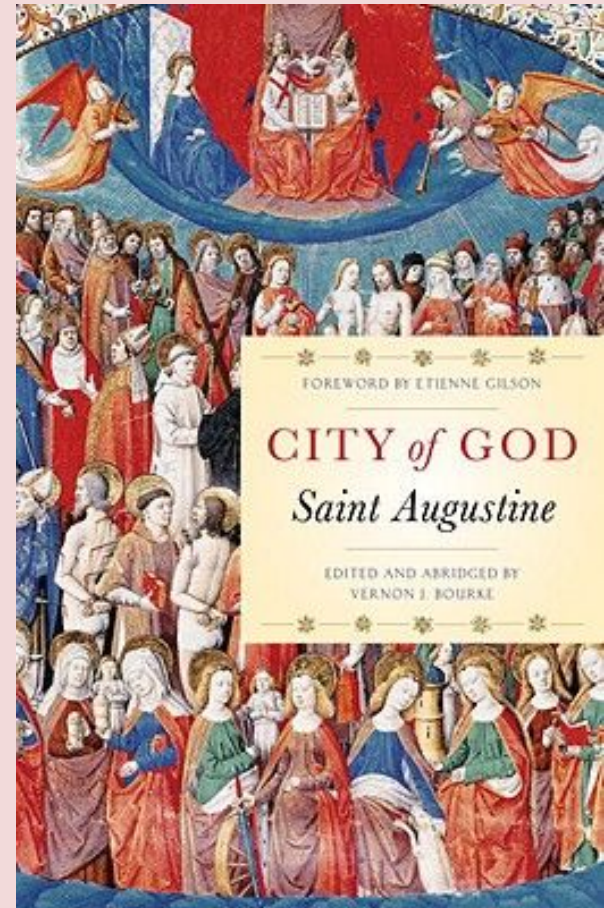
**Aristotle - Politics**





## 2. Medieval. Works such as **Saint Augustine's** “The City of God”

- Most of the political questions surrounding the relationship between **church and state** were clarified and contested in this period.



### 3. Renaissance (14th -17th century)

- **Machiavelli was also a realist, arguing that even evil means should be considered if they help to create and preserve a desired regime.**

## 4. Enlightenment:

- Like Machiavelli, **Thomas Hobbes**, well known for his theory of the social contract, believed that a strong central power.

# The history of India

- begins with evidence of human activity Anatomically modern humans, as long as 75,000 years ago, or with earlier hominids including Homo erectus from about 500,000 years ago.

## 5. 19th century

- **Contemporary Philosophy traces its roots primarily to the 19th century.**
- **Antoine-Louis-Claude;**
- **Comte Destutt de Tracy (“ideology”)**
- **Henri de Saint-Simon (Christian socialism)**

## **6. Modern stages:**

- **During the same period, the four founding father of sociology, **Auguste Comte, Emile Durkeim, Herbert Spencer and Max Weber** made the foundations of Philosophy very strong.**



# Indian philosophy:

- Indian philosophy refers to the philosophical traditions of the Indian subcontinent. Which is classified by the Brahmanical tradition as either orthodox or non-orthodox - **astika** or **nastika** - depending on whether they regard the Vedas (Knowledge) as an infallible source of education.

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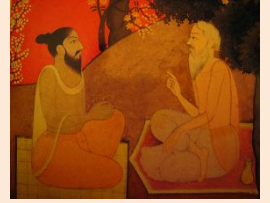
## 7. Positivism

- **Positivism** - which was one of the dominant approaches in the 1950s and '60s.
- **Structuralism** - is the theory that elements of human culture must be understood in terms of their relationship to a larger, overarching system or structure.
- **Existentialism** – part of ph-y, studies human existence and life meaning.

# **The Indian Philosophical Schools:**

- **1 Hindu philosophy;**
- **2 Jain philosophy;**
- **3 Buddhist philosophy – One of the world religion;**
- **4 Carvaka philosophy.**

# Basics of Indian ph-y:



- Upanishad - Upa- (near), ni- (down), sad (to sit): sitting near the teacher;
- Karma: **Rebirth** is fueled and directed by karma (kri, meaning “action”, **Vegetarian**).

# One of the main role of Modern Ph-y Orientation function:

1. **Existentialism – Logotherapy:** helping to solve ontological question (responsibility, freedom, spirit);
2. **Socialization – Kaizen:** one of the best management planning for self realization in capitalist society.



# №2 Seminar questions:

- **1. Write table according history of ph-y? (for replying next week-3)**

<b>Period</b>	<b>The great Thinker</b>	<b>The main ideas</b>
<b>1, Ancient Indian ph-y</b>	<b>Buddha</b>	<b>5 main teaching No killing Respect for life; No Stealing; no sexual misconduct; No Lying; No intoxicants:</b>

## Self-studies IWST Week-2.

### Essay for discussion

(2-3 pages):

**What is of meaning life?**

1. Definition life...
2. General meaning of life...
3. What is your meaning of life, profession?
4. What is your goal of life or mission?

**Viktor Frankl: “Man's Search for Meaning”.**

