

CORE COURSE - III - WESTERN PHILOSOPHY – I

- UNIT -I : Greek Philosophy : A survey of Greek Philosophy - Socrates' theory of concepts - Plato's theory of Ideas - Aristotle's theory of substance.
- UNIT- II : Medieval Philosophy : St. Augustine - Human knowledge - Doctrine of illumination – The concept of God - Thomas Aquinas - Faith and Reason - St. Anselm - Ontological argument.
- UNIT-III : Rationalism : Descartes: Method of Doubt - The significance of cogito ergo sum - proofs for the existence of God - Mind and Body - Spinoza : Conception of substance - Attribute and Mode. Leibnitz : Theory of Monads - Doctrine of pre-established harmony - The best of all possible worlds.
- UNIT -IV : Empiricism : Locke - Refutation of Innate ideas - Theory of knowledge - Primary and Secondary Qualities. Berkely : Refutation of matter Subjective idealism. Hume : Analysis of Cause and effect - Conception of self.
- UNIT -V : German Idealism : Kant - Synthesis of Rationalism and Empiricism - Problem of Synthetic apriori judgement - Impossibility of Metaphysics.

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