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Philosophy: An Introduction

**Three definitions of philosophy:**

1. Philosophy: an investigation of the truths and principles of…
   1. Being (What is ultimate reality?)
   2. Knowledge (What can be known and how do we know?)
   3. Human conduct (How ought we to live?)
2. Philosophy: “the love and pursuit of knowledge and truth”
3. Philosophy: “an unusually stubborn attempt to think clearly about the basic questions of life.”

**Survey of basic philosophical assumptions:**

1. Epistemology: How do we acquire knowledge?
2. Cosmology: How did everything begin?
3. Ontology: What is real?
4. Ethics: What is right and wrong?
5. Theology: Is there a God and what is He like?
6. Anthropology: What is man?
7. History: Why do things happen the way they do?
8. Death: What happens at death?