

PHIL 103 A01: Five Big Ideas

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The course will begin with a prologue: the origins of philosophy in Plato. We will then proceed to examine five big ideas:

Rationalism: Descartes, *Meditations*; Correspondence between Descartes and Elisabeth of Bohemia

Empiricism: Hume, *Enquiries*

Verificationism: Ayer, *Language, Truth and Logic*

Utility vs. rights: Mill, *Utilitarianism*

Liberty: Mill, *On Liberty*; Judith Jarvis Thomson, "The Trolley Problem"