

Dear Students,

I hope you have received the books to be used in the class and the instruction that would explain what are the things that you have to do in this first semester. I think the text of instruction might be clear what are the requirements that we need from the students. But there is one thing that may cause the question from you, and that is why I have written this second letter to answer that possible question.

In summary, you have 6 books to read in this semester. The books are divided into two groups. The first group is the collection of introductory texts for the three courses: metaphysics,

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epistemology, and ethics. The second group is the collection of philosophical writings of the great philosophers. The first collection contains three books written by me: The first volume is Lectures in Metaphysics. The second volume is Lectures in Epistemology, And the third one is Lectures in Ethics.

This collection of books has been written with the language and the style to make the books most readable as much as possible. I think you might not have the problem with this collection of the books.

. But the second collection contains the books by Aristotle, Descartes, and Kant. This collection of books has been designed to be the material

for you to taste what is the real philosophical book. We believe that the objective of studying philosophy has nothing to do with the ~~remember~~^{memory} of the contents of the works by philosophers. On the contrary, the thing which is needed is your ability to read and understand philosophical books. These three books given to you would play the role as the tool for you to practice a thing that could be called the critical reading of philosophical texts.

We strongly believe that if you have found your way in reading these books, the result that would happen is that you might be able to read every philosophy books in this world.

So, please let your mind float
freely like the stream of a river, and
find the way of your own in under-
standing Aristotle, Descartes, and
Kant.