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*Dedicated to Teachers
who themselves are dedicated
to opening the hearts of the young
to the love of wisdom and
the quest for truth*

Preface



THANKS TO THE MANY TEACHERS OF philosophy who have reviewed this text, this ninth edition of *Philosophy: The Quest for Truth* is a clear improvement over the eighth. Yet the book stays true to its original intent—to provide an anthology focused on the classic readings in the classic philosophical problems but firmly planted in the middle ground between texts that are rigorous but inaccessible and accessible but thin.

Ninety-two readings are arranged as far as possible in a pro/con format around key philosophical questions; each selection comes with explanatory headnotes plus questions before and after it; every major section has a substantial preface; Part I includes a logic and argument tutorial and a brief introduction to philosophy; and an appendix offers helpful guidelines for reading and writing philosophy papers. All the traditional problems of philosophy are represented here plus some nontraditional ones: philosophy of religion, knowledge, philosophy of mind, personal identity, free will and determinism, ethics, political philosophy, the meaning of life, and contemporary moral issues.

Improvements in the Ninth Edition

- Added 10 new readings with headnotes, study questions, and discussion questions:
 - 15. William L. Rowe: The Problem of Evil and Some Varieties of Atheism
 - 28. G. E. Moore: Proof of an External World
 - 40. J. J. C. Smart: Sensations and Brain Processes
 - 60. Joel Feinberg: Psychological Egoism
 - 65. Alison M. Jaggar: Feminist Ethics
 - 66. Annette C. Baier: The Need for More than Justice
 - 74. Robert Nozick: Against Liberalism
 - 83. Francis J. Beckwith: Arguments from Bodily Rights
 - 89. Sam Schulman: Gay Marriage—and Marriage
 - 90. Jonathan Rauch: For Better or Worse?

- Added a new section: “Should Society Permit Same-Sex Marriage?” in Part IX: Contemporary Moral Problems.
- Completely revised the section introduction for Part V. Freedom of the Will and Determinism.
- Added more pages while continuing to keep the book’s price reasonable.

Ancillaries

Along with a revised text comes updated ancillaries. These include:

- **Online Instructor Resources** on the book’s companion website, providing
 - Summaries of every selection for easy reference
 - Lists and definitions of Key Terms (also appearing as flashcards in the Student Resources section of the website)
 - Helpful Web Links (recommended to students for additional information)
 - Sample Syllabi for planning courses
- **Test Banks** available to instructors in print and on CD
- **Online Student Resources**, offering
 - Essay Questions for Review of every selection to reaffirm main ideas and arguments
 - Quizzes that test student knowledge of each selection
 - Flashcards that highlight key terms and concepts
 - Helpful Web Links that guide exploration of each philosophical problem

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Time Line



THE ANCIENT PERIOD

| Philosophers | Dates | Major Figures and Events |
|------------------|-----------------|---|
| Socrates* | c. 470–399 B.C. | Trial and death of Socrates, 399 B.C. |
| Democritus | c. 460–370 B.C. | |
| Plato | c. 427–347 B.C. | Plato founds the Academy, c. 388 B.C. |
| Aristotle | 384–322 B.C. | Aristotle founds the Lyceum, 334 B.C. |
| Pyrrho | c. 360–270 B.C. | Death of Alexander the Great, 323 B.C. |
| Epicurus | 341–270 B.C. | Epicurus opens school in Athens, 306 B.C. |
| Zeno the Stoic | c. 336–264 B.C. | Zeno opens school at the Stoa, 301 B.C. Rome conquers the Greek world, 200–128 B.C. Caesar is dictator of Rome, 49–44 B.C. Jesus Christ, c. 4 B.C.–A.D. 30 |
| Epictetus | c. 50–130 | Romans destroy Temple in Jerusalem, 70 |
| Marcus Aurelius | 121–180 | |
| Sextus Empiricus | c. 200 | |

THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD

| Philosophers | Dates | Major Figures and Events |
|--------------|---------|---|
| | | Constantine grants tolerance to Christianity, 313 |
| Augustine | 354–430 | Theodosius I makes Christianity the state religion of Rome, 392 |

*Philosophers whose names appear in **boldface** appear in this volume.

THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD

| Philosophers | Dates | Major Figures and Events |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|
| Boethius | c. 480–524 | Fall of the Roman Empire in the West, 476 |
| Avicenna | 980–1037 | |
| Anselm | 1034–1109 | |
| Averroës | 1126–1198 | University of Paris founded, 1160 |
| Thomas Aquinas | 1225–1274 | |
| John Duns Scotus | c. 1266–1308 | The Black Death ravages Europe, 1347–1351 |
| William of Ockham | c. 1285–1349 | |

THE MODERN PERIOD

| Philosophers | Dates | Major Figures and Events |
|---------------------------|-----------|--|
| | | Johann Gutenberg invents the printing press, 1445 Leonardo da Vinci, 1452–1519 |
| Thomas Hobbes | 1588–1679 | |
| René Descartes | 1596–1650 | The reign of Louis XIV in France, 1643–1715 |
| Blaise Pascal | 1623–1662 | |
| Benedict (Baruch) Spinoza | 1632–1677 | Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750 |
| John Locke | 1632–1704 | <i>Two Treatises on Government</i> , 1689 |
| Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz | 1646–1716 | |
| George Berkeley | 1685–1753 | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 1756–1791 |
| David Hume | 1711–1776 | Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827 |
| Adam Smith | 1723–1790 | <i>The Wealth of Nations</i> , 1776 |
| Immanuel Kant | 1724–1804 | <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> , 1781 |
| William Paley | 1743–1805 | |
| Jeremy Bentham | 1748–1832 | Industrial Revolution in England, c. 1790 Napoleon crowns himself emperor of France, 1804 |

THE MODERN PERIOD

| Philosophers | Dates | Major Figures and Events |
|---------------------|-----------|--|
| Mary Wollstonecraft | 1759–1797 | Charles Darwin, 1809–1882 Richard Wagner, 1813–1883 |
| Georg W. F. Hegel | 1770–1831 | Fyodor Dostoevsky, 1821–1881 Leo Tolstoy, 1828–1910 |
| Arthur Schopenhauer | 1788–1860 | Second French Revolution, 1830 Opium War in China, 1839 |
| John Stuart Mill | 1806–1873 | <i>On Liberty</i> , 1859 Darwin's <i>Origin of Species</i> , 1859 |
| Søren Kierkegaard | 1813–1855 | <i>Fear and Trembling</i> , 1841 |
| Karl Marx | 1818–1883 | <i>The Communist Manifesto</i> , 1848 Sigmund Freud, 1856–1939 |
| Friedrich Nietzsche | 1844–1900 | Pablo Picasso, 1881–1973 James Joyce, 1882–1941 Virginia Woolf, 1882–1941 The Dreyfus Affair (France), 1899 |

THE CONTEMPORARY PERIOD

| Philosophers | Dates | Major Figures and Events |
|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Charles S. Peirce | 1839–1914 | Albert Einstein presents theory of relativity, 1905 |
| William James | 1842–1910 | |
| W. K. Clifford | 1845–1879 | |
| Alfred North Whitehead | 1861–1947 | Joseph Stalin becomes general secretary of the Communist party, 1922 |
| Bertrand Russell | 1872–1970 | The Great Depression, 1929–1939 Spanish Civil War, 1936–1939 |
| G. E. Moore | 1873–1958 | |
| Ludwig Wittgenstein | 1889–1951 | Second World War, 1939–1945 |
| Martin Heidegger | 1889–1976 | Dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, August 6, 1945 |
| Gilbert Ryle | 1900–1976 | Israel becomes a nation, 1949 |

THE CONTEMPORARY PERIOD

| Philosophers | Dates | Major Figures and Events |
|-------------------------|--------------|---|
| Karl Popper | 1902–1994 | People's Republic of China under Mao Tse-tung established, 1949 Crick and Watson identify the structure of DNA, 1953 |
| Jean-Paul Sartre | 1905–1980 | Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962 |
| Simone de Beauvoir | 1908–1986 | |
| Willard V. O. Quine | 1908–2000 | War in Vietnam, 1954–1975 |
| A. J. Ayer | 1910–1989 | Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., 1968 |
| Philippa Foot | b. 1920 | |
| John Rawls | 1921–2002 | <i>A Theory of Justice</i> , 1971 |
| John Searle | b. 1932 | |
| Thomas Nagel | b. 1937 | Islamic terrorist attacks on U.S. World Trade Center and Pentagon, September 11, 2001 |
| Robert Nozick | b. 1938–2002 | |

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