



Epistemology

Description

Epistemology ([/ˌɛpɪstəˈmɒlədʒi/](#) (About this sound listen)); from [Greek, Modern](#) [ἐπιστήμη](#), *epistēmē*, meaning 'knowledge', and [λόγος](#), *logos*, meaning 'logical discourse') is the [branch](#) of [philosophy](#) concerned with the theory of [knowledge](#).^[1]

Epistemology is the study of the nature of knowledge, justification, and the rationality of belief. Much debate in epistemology centers on four areas: (1) the [philosophical analysis](#) of the nature of knowledge and how it relates to such concepts as [truth](#), [belief](#), and [justification](#),^{[2][3]} (2) various problems of [skepticism](#), (3) the sources and scope of knowledge and justified belief, and (4) the criteria for knowledge and justification. Epistemology addresses such questions as: "What makes justified beliefs justified?",^[4] "What does it mean to say that we know something?",^[5] and fundamentally "How do we know that we know?".^[6]

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