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Welcome to the Practice of Philosophy

Philosophy 101 B: Lecture 6 (The Final Lecture)

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The Engine of Philosophy

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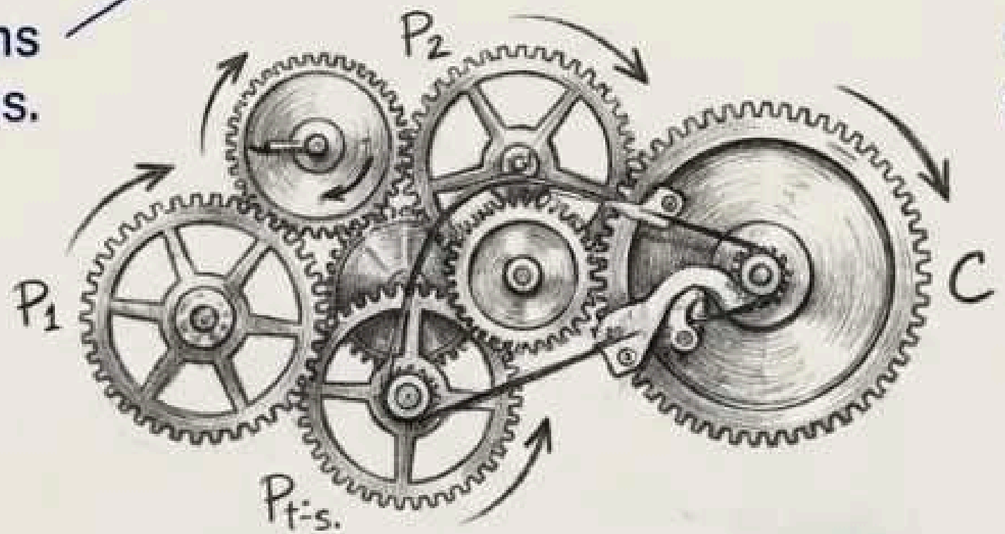
Philosophy is not only something you learn about but something you do.

~~Quarrel~~

$$P_1 + P_2 \ldots P_n \xrightarrow{\text{support}} C$$

Premises: The claims offered as reasons.

Conclusion: The claim they are meant to support.



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The Metric: Validity vs. Soundness

The Formulas

Truth of Premises

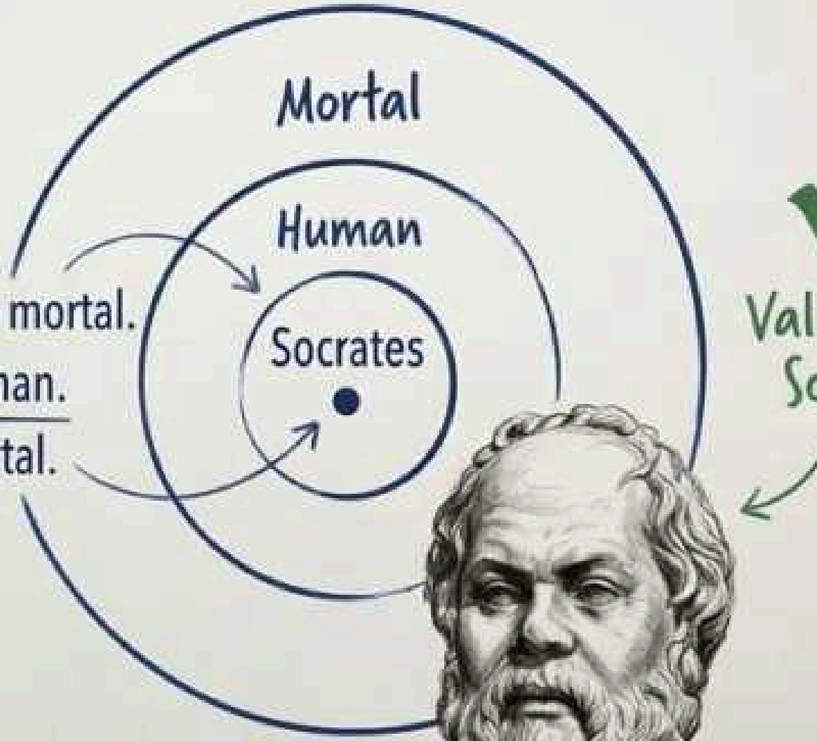
Valid: If Premises = True ⟶ Conclusion MUST be True.

Sound: Valid Argument + Actually True Premises.

P1: All humans are mortal.

P2: Socrates is human.

∴ Socrates is mortal.



✓ Valid and Sound.

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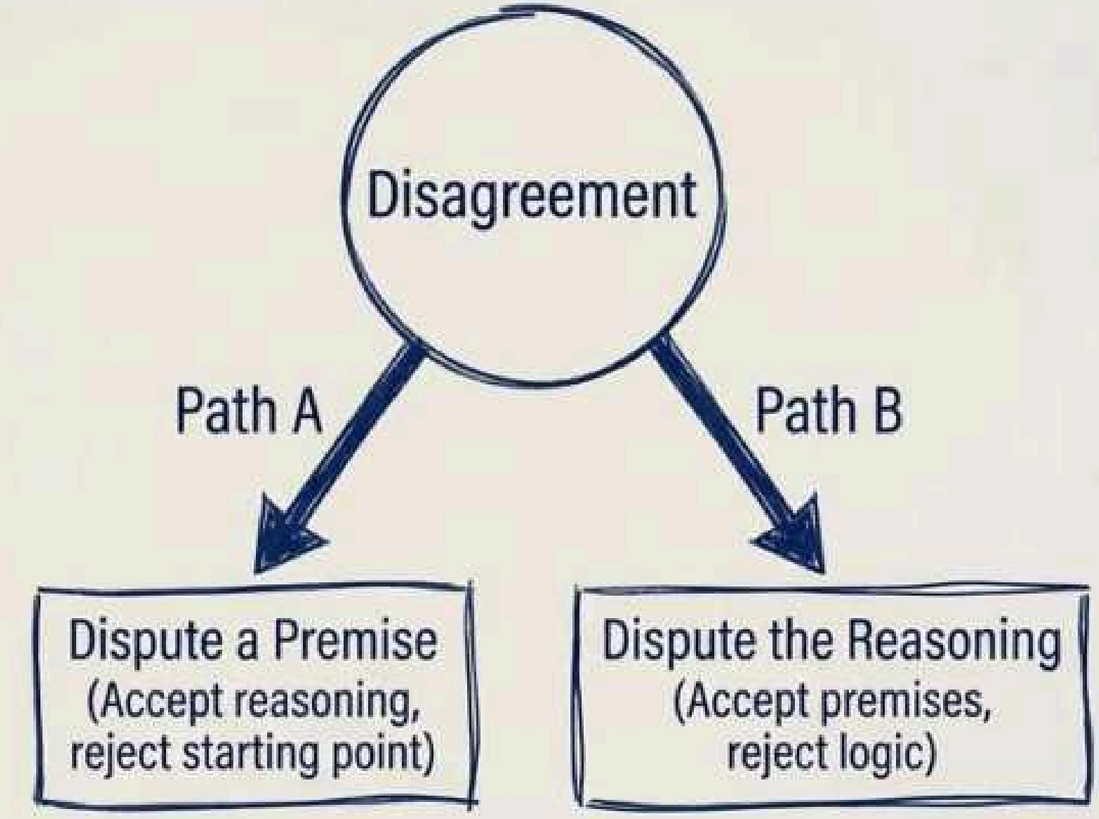
The Scalpel: Isolating Disagreement

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	Logic Valid	Logic Invalid
Premises True	**SOUND**	
Premises False		

An argument with a true conclusion can still be bad if reasoning doesn't follow.

A valid argument can still have a false conclusion if a premise is false.



Ask both questions separately to dissolve disagreements.

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The Traps: A Taxonomy of Fallacies

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Patterns of bad reasoning.

Fallacy Name	Logical Pattern	Visual Anchor
Ad Hominem	Attack Person → Ignore Argument	
Straw Man	Misrepresent View → Easy Refutation	
False Dilemma	Option A OR Option B (when C, D exist)	
Begging the Question	Premise 1 assumes Conclusion	
Appeal to Authority	Acceptable if expert; Fallacious if not	

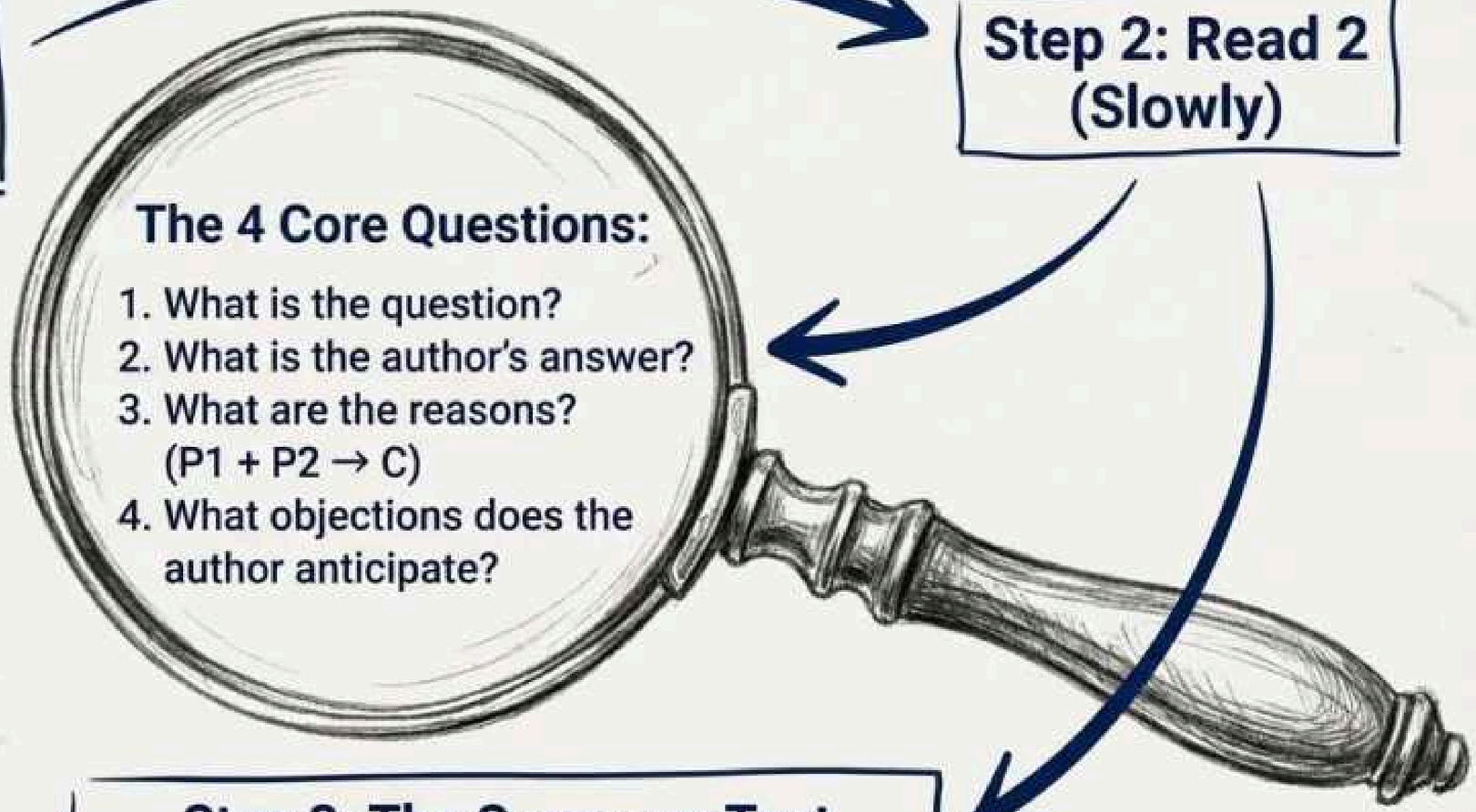
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The Lens: How to Read Philosophy

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Step 1: Read 1 (Straight Through)
Follow the main line of thought.

Step 2: Read 2 (Slowly)

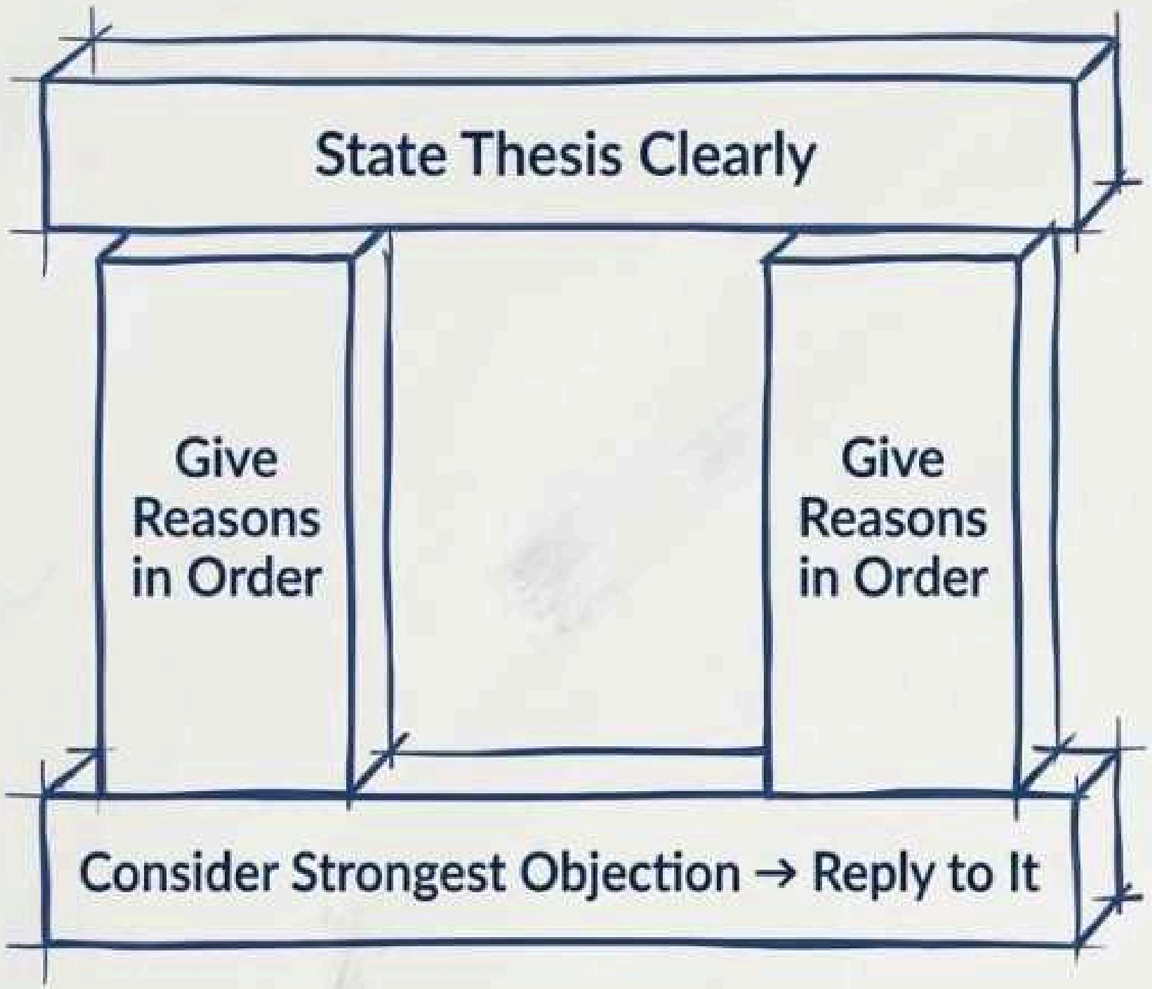


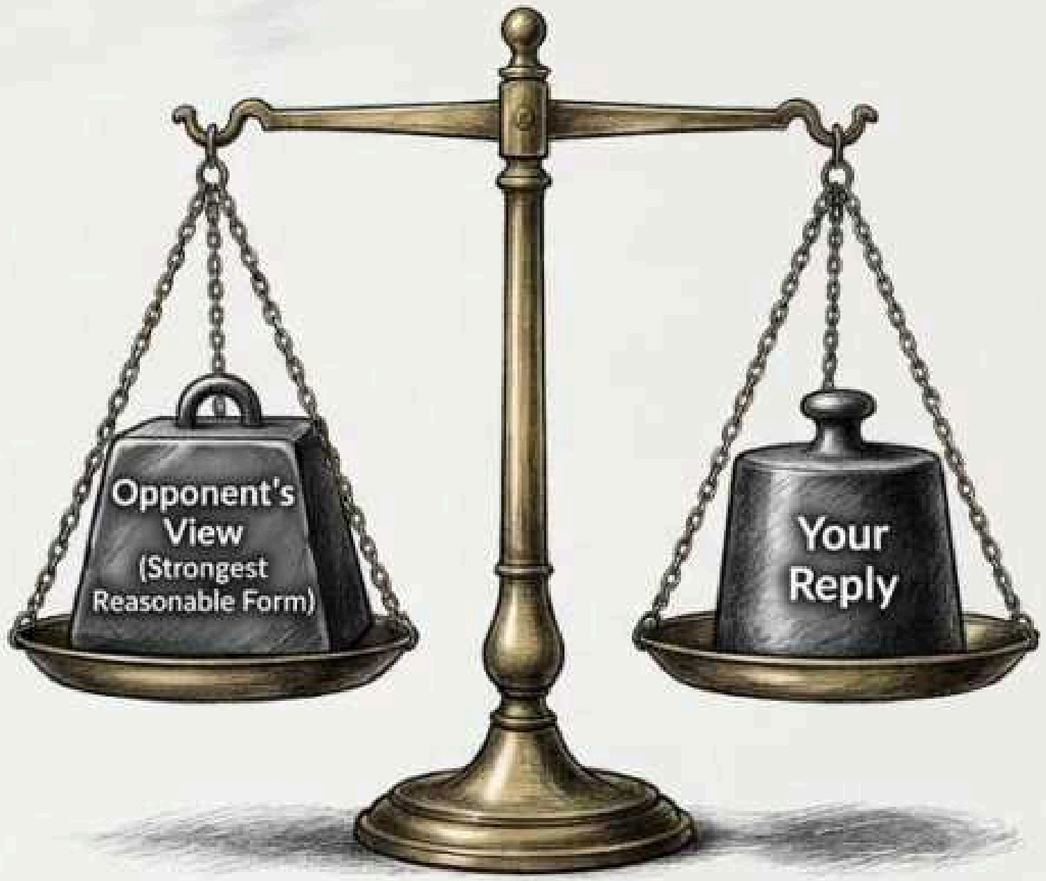
Step 3: The Summary Test
Write a one-paragraph summary in your own words. The ultimate test of understanding.

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The Architecture: How to Write Philosophy

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Defeating a weak version proves nothing.

The Habit: State a view you reject so well that its defenders would agree with your statement.

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The Spirit: Ethics of Conversation

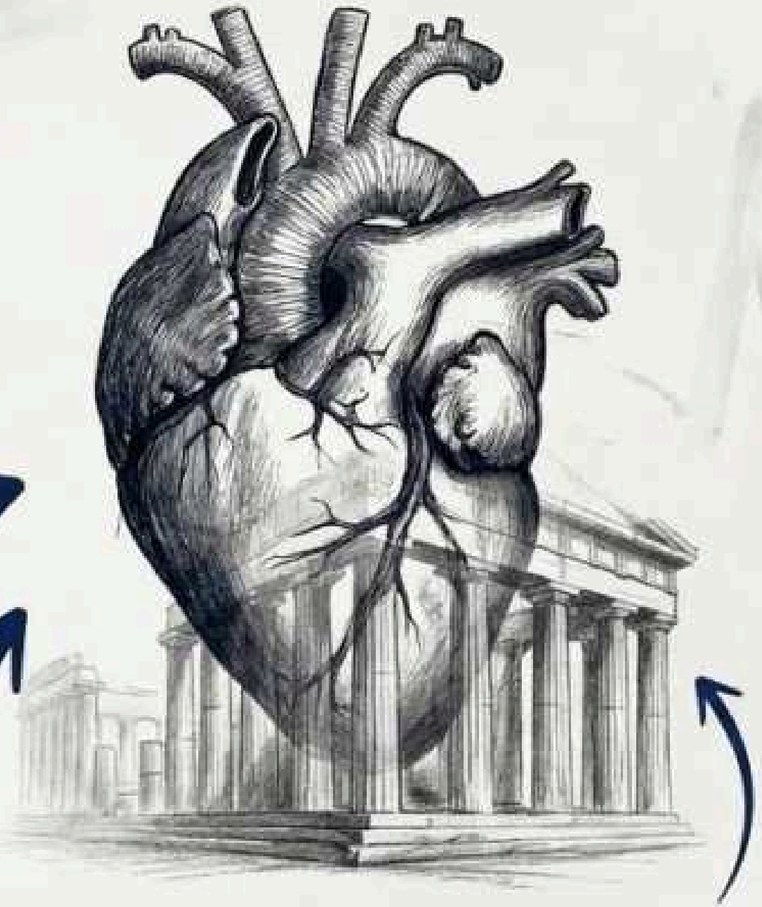
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"Philosophical conversation has a spirit too."

Disagree without contempt.

Ask: *What would change your mind?*

Be willing to say: *I was wrong.*



Modeled by Socrates in the marketplace. As valuable in a family dinner or a staff meeting as in a seminar.

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The Map: Where to Go Next

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Plato (The Foundations)
→ Apology & Republic



Descartes
(The Mind)
→ Meditations



Mill & Aristotle
(Ethics & Politics)
→ On Liberty &
Nicomachean Ethics



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Next step courses:
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- Philosophy of Politics

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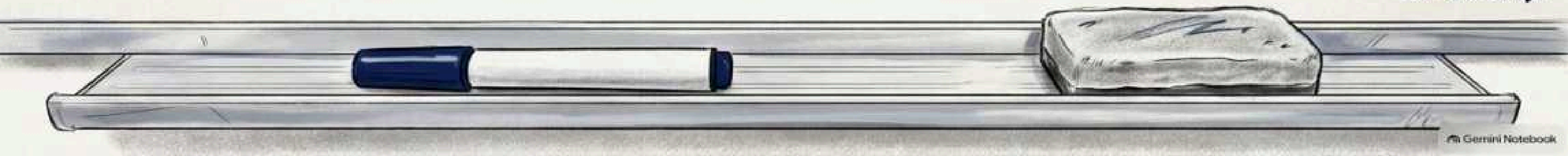
End of Philosophy 101 B

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