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Welcome & Communications Protocol

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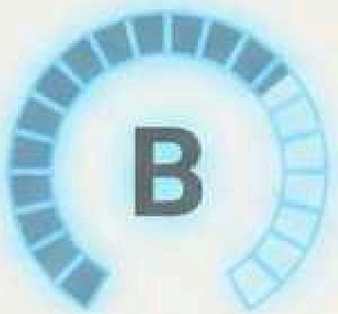
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Anderson Academy
A free library of university-level courses

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PHIL 230 B: The Philosophy of Ethics



B = Brief

1 Overview + 6 Short Lectures
= ~1 Hour Total Time

Learning Outcomes

- [x] Explain the main theories of right and wrong.
- [x] Test theories against hard cases.
- [x] Reason about a moral problem with more care.

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The systematic study of how we ought to live and what we owe to one another.

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- Ask what makes an act right/wrong 
- Ask what makes a life good 
- Ask what kind of person to be 

× **Require Reasons** = **Ethics**

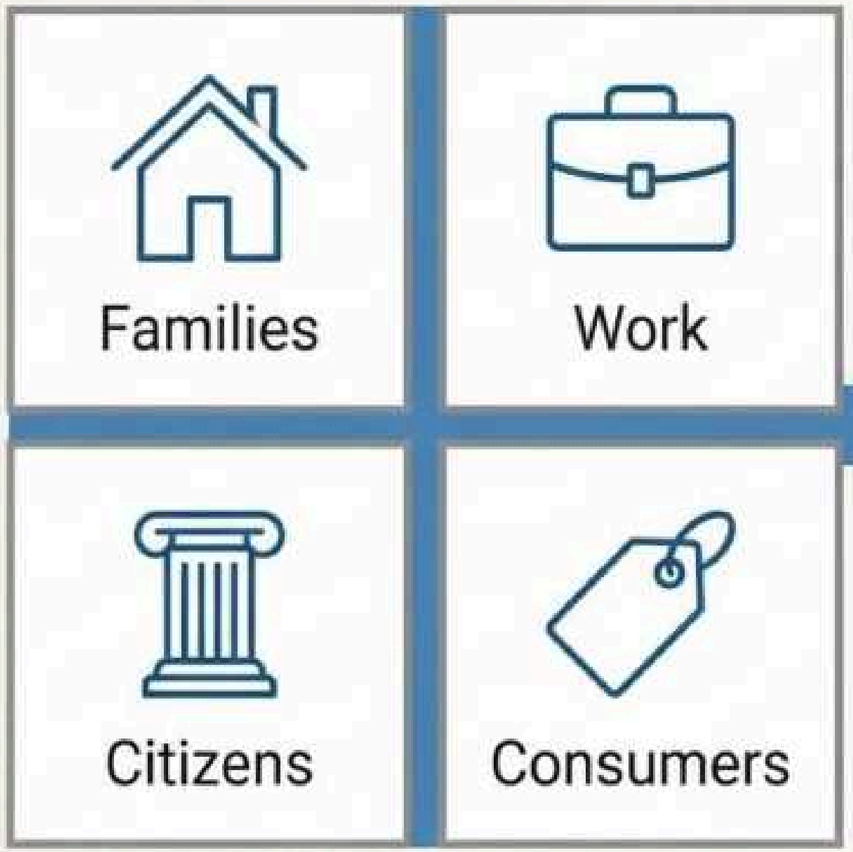


Mere Opinion



Ethics / Reason → Can be examined, challenged, and improved.

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Everyone makes moral choices across these spheres.

Clear concepts help you say what bothers you—and hear what bothers someone else.

Leadership in Any Profession

- Weigh competing claims
- Explain hard choices
- Lead others

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Lecture 1:
What is Ethics?

Is **morality relative** to culture or opinion?

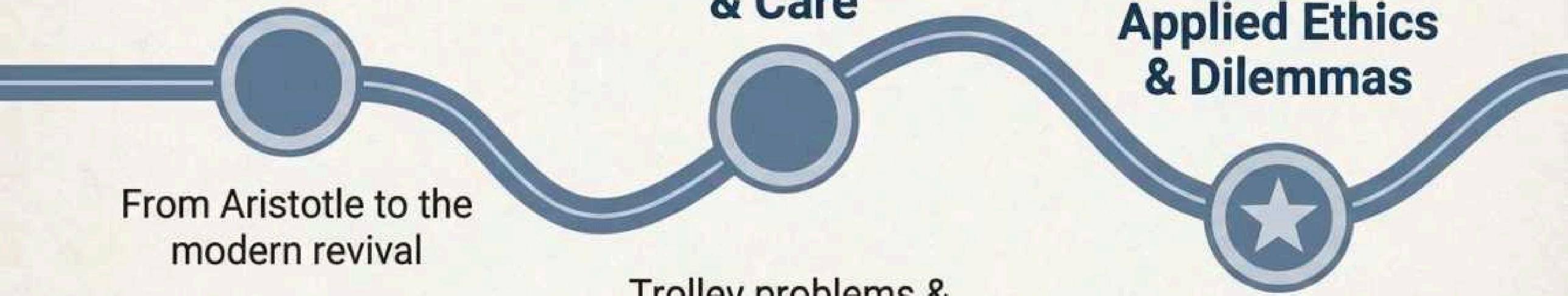
Lecture 2:
Consequentialism

Utilitarianism –
Jeremy Bentham &
John Stuart Mill

Lecture 3:
Duties & Rights

Immanuel Kant
& his successors

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Lecture 4: Virtue Ethics

From Aristotle to the modern revival

Lecture 5: Fairness, Contract & Care

Trolley problems & moral psychology

Lecture 6: Applied Ethics & Dilemmas

Medicine, animals, war, daily life + a method for thinking through dilemmas

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Ground Rules of the Field

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In Scope

- ✓ Informed disagreement
- ✓ Main positions & strongest arguments
- ✓ Real books, cases, and (approximate) dates

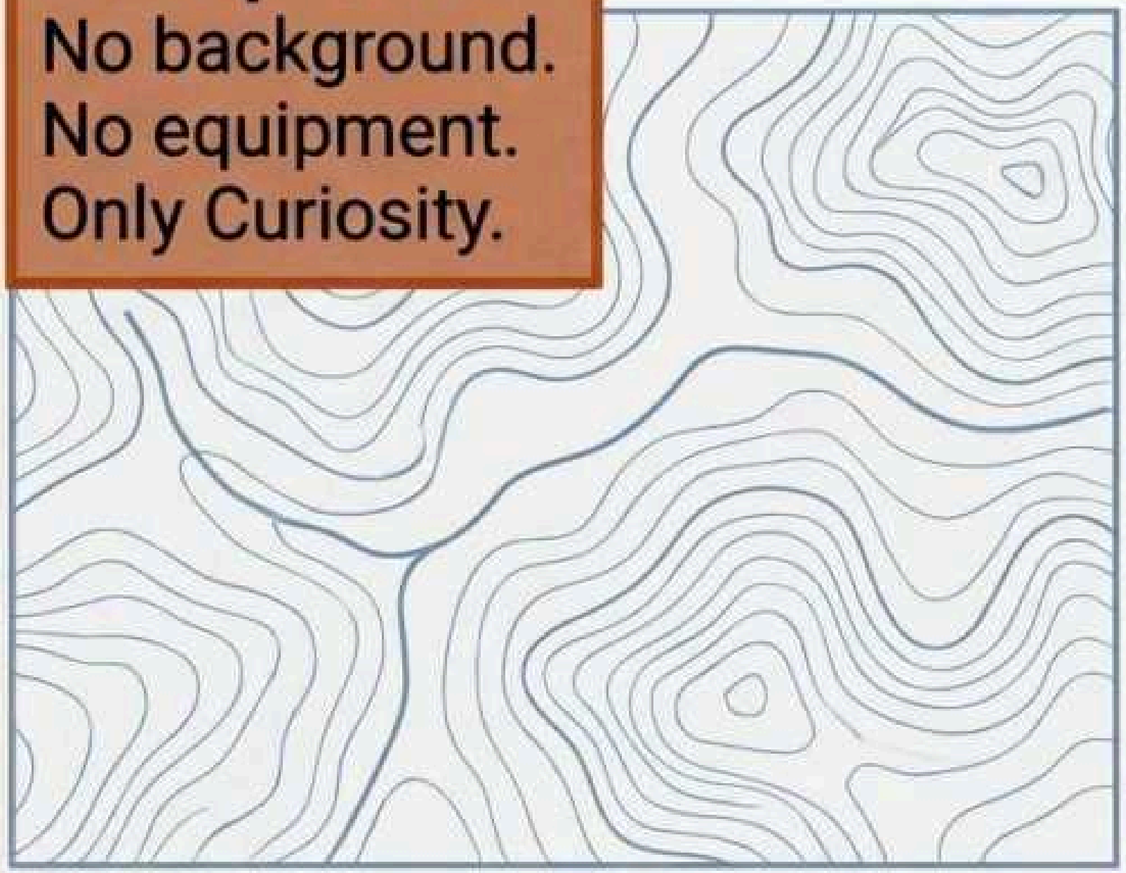
Out of Scope

- ⊘ Legal advice
- ⊘ Medical advice
- ⊘ Religious advice
- ⊘ Conclusions on contested political questions

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Prerequisites:
No background.
No equipment.
Only Curiosity.

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The Map (A one-hour course)



The Territory (Moral Philosophy)

"A one-hour course is a map and not the territory."

Learned by arguing, reading great books, and living. Wanting far more than a short course can give is a sign of success.

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Reasoning, not a creed.

We will not tell you which party, church, or culture is right.

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Defenders:
State the famous argument precisely as its defenders would.

Critics:
Give the rigorous replies of its critics.

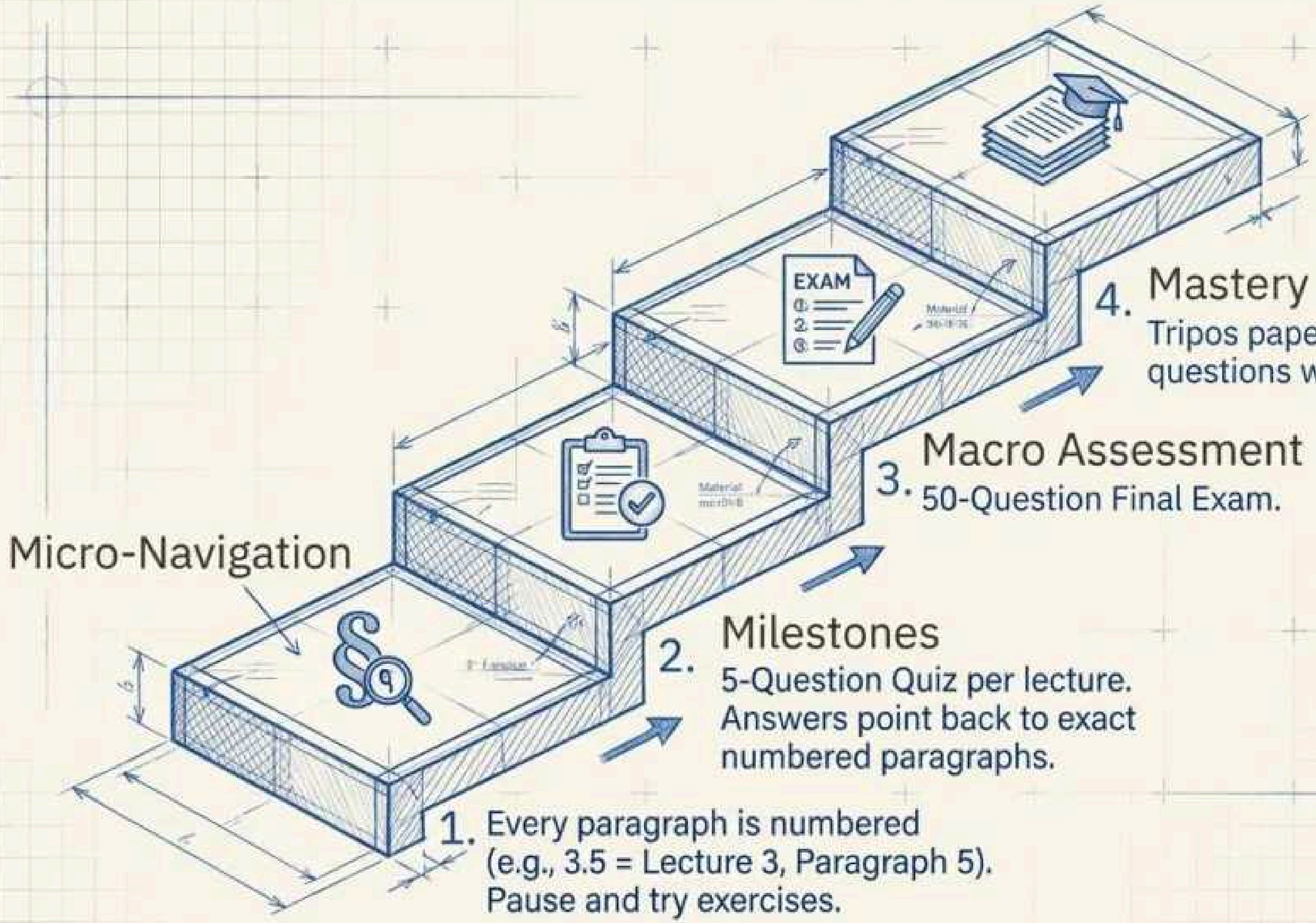
Leave with a favored theory

Leave with a better sense of why the choice is hard

Either result is a success.

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Micro-Navigation

1. Every paragraph is numbered (e.g., 3.5 = Lecture 3, Paragraph 5). Pause and try exercises.

2. **Milestones**
5-Question Quiz per lecture. Answers point back to exact numbered paragraphs.

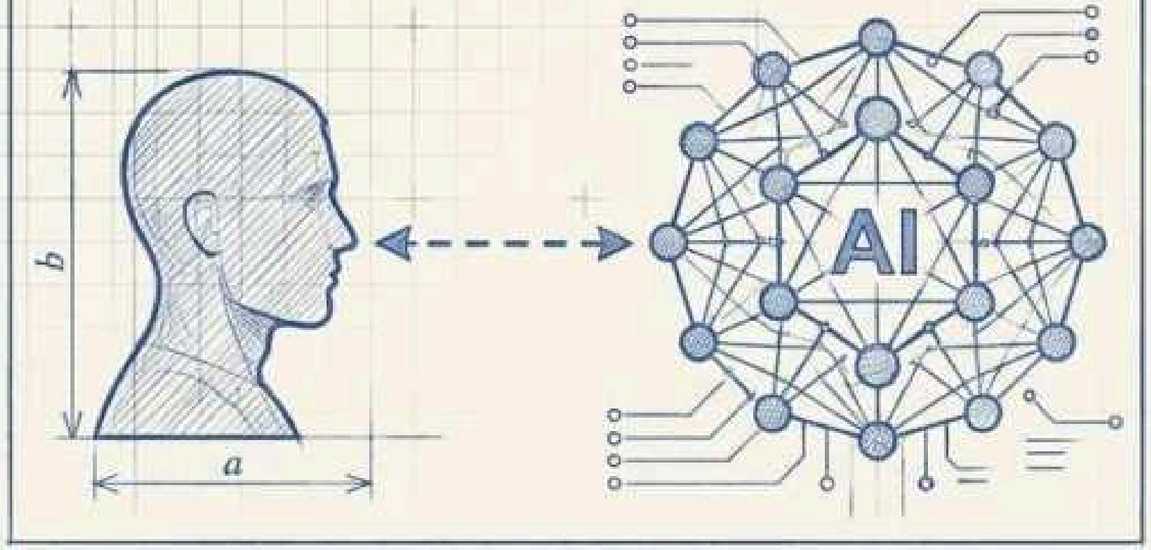
3. **Macro Assessment**
50-Question Final Exam.

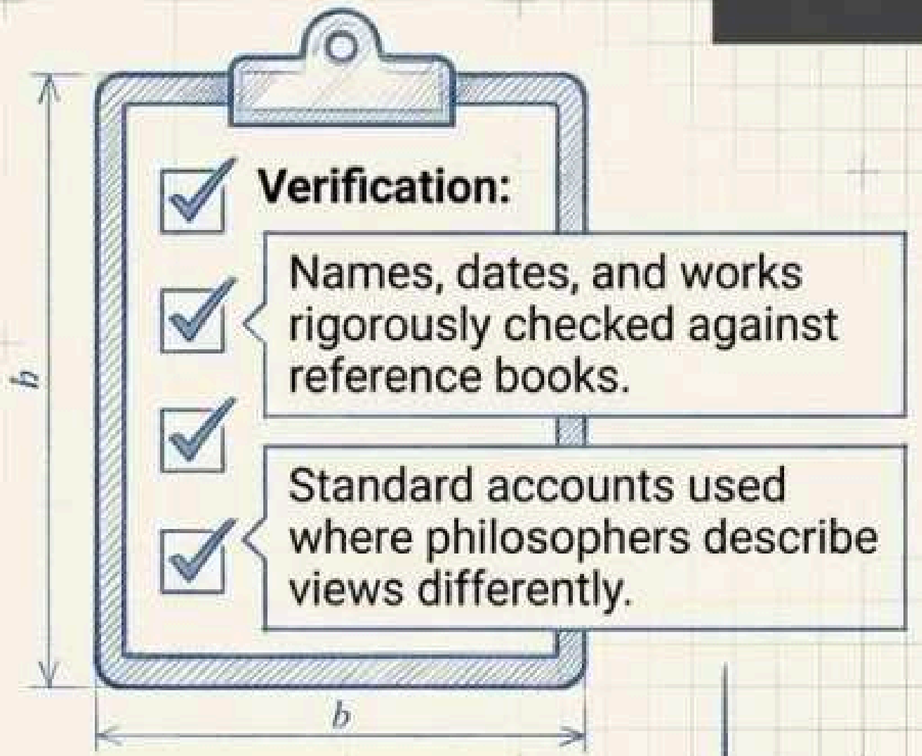
4. **Mastery**
Tripos paper featuring 6 essay questions with model answers.

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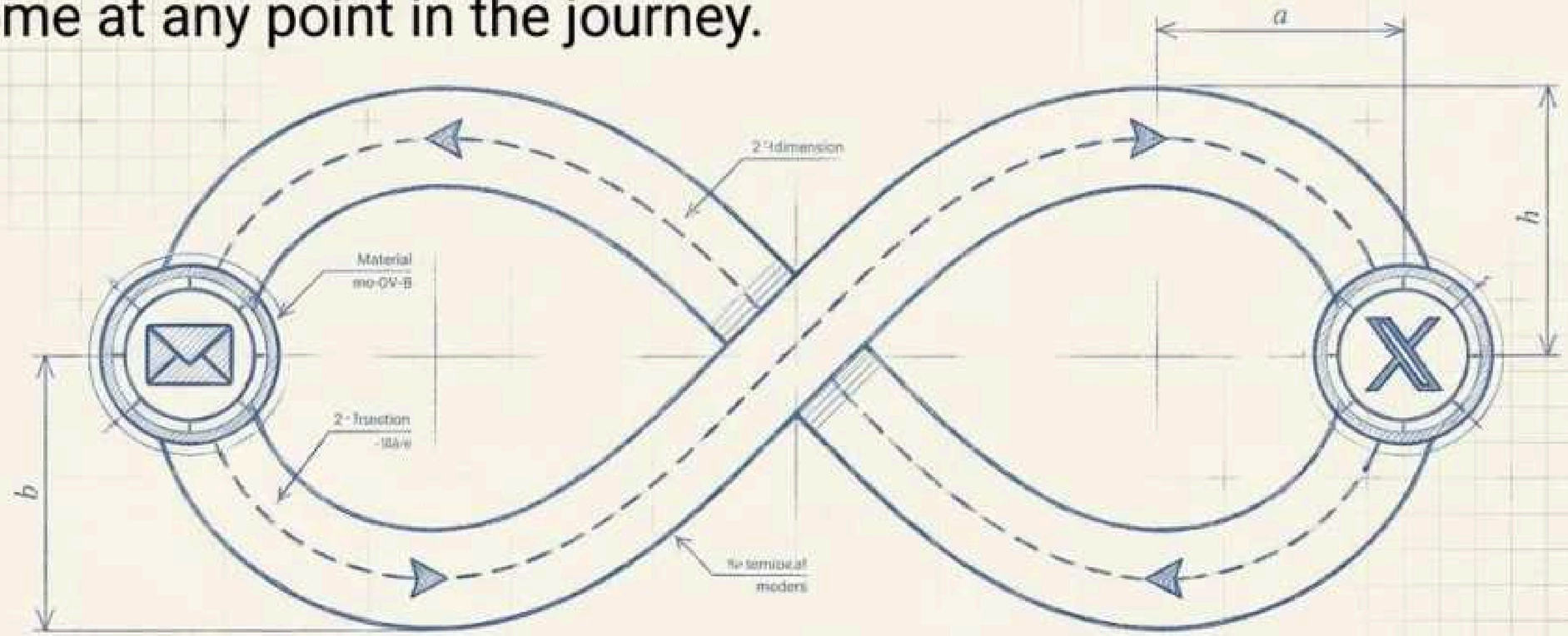


Found an error?
Point us to the exact numbered paragraph.

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Now, let us begin.



Next Waypoint

Destination: Lecture 1

What is ethics, and is morality only a matter of opinion?

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