

PHILOSOPHY

Metaphysics
(Nature of Reality)

Epistemology
(Theory of knowledge)

Axiology
(Theory of values)

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Foundations of Education

Module 1. Philosophical Foundations

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-Swami Vivekananda

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"Education is unfoldment of what is already enfolded in the germ. It is the process through which the child makes internal external" - **Friedrich William Froebel**

"Education is the capacity to feel pleasure and pain at the right moment. It develops in the body and in the soul of the pupil all the beauty and all the perfection which he is capable of" - **Plato**

"Education of man commences at his birth; before he can speak, before he can understand he is already instructed. Experience is the forerunner of the perfect" - **Rousseau**

"Education is the creation of a sound mind in a sound body. It develops man's faculty, especially his mind so that he may be able to enjoy the contemplation of supreme truth, goodness and beauty of which perfect happiness essentially consists" - **Aristotle**

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The word philosophy literally means love of wisdom; It is derived from two Greek words i.e. 'phileo' (love) and 'Sophia' (wisdom). This tells us something about the nature of philosophy, but not much, because many disciplines seek wisdom. Since times immemorial there have been various pursuits for unfolding the mystery of the universe, birth and death, sorrow and joy. Various ages have produced different thoughts throwing light upon the mystic region. The ultimate truth is yet to be found out. This eternal quest for truth 'lends the origin of philosophy. A love of wisdom is the essence for any philosophy investigation.

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