



LIVING PHILOSOPHY

Discover. Awaken. Transform.

Introduction to Philosophy in the Classical Manner

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Course Syllabus, 15 Sessions (30 Hrs)
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KNOW THYSELF

Living Philosophy - Need for Inner Change
Investigate the Ancient Indian understanding of Man
7 Fold Constitution of Man
The Ethical Life of a Disciple
Themes from Ancient Indian Tradition

THE GREAT UNIVERSAL WAR

Animal Self vs. Human Self
The Internal Battle of Kurukshetra
Svadharm and Karma Yoga
Themes from The Bhagawad Gita

BUDDHA AND THE PATH TO LIBERATION

Lessons from the Life of The Buddha
Process of Self-Transformation
The Middle Path, 4 Noble Truths
Themes from The Dhammapada

HEARING THE VOICE OF THE SILENCE

Symbolism of Tibetan Vajrayana Tradition
H.P. Blavatsky and the origins of a mystical manual for disciples
Recognizing the Mayavic nature of the World
Themes from The Voice of the Silence

PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES FROM THE ANCIENT WORLD

Making your Actions meaningful and sacred
Justice, Ancient Egypt
Harmony, Confucius
Path of Happiness, Aristotle

THE ARTIST, THE LOVER, THE PHILOSOPHER – WHO ARE YOU?

Macro-bios: The Living Universe
True Freedom, Stoic Principles
3 Paths to expressing Unity, Plotinus
Neo-Platonism





INTRODUCTION TO SOCIO-POLITICS

The role and importance of Society
The Maieutic Approach, Socrates
Education and Justice in Society, Plato
The Metaphysical Disaster

THE ALLEGORY OF THE CAVE

The last School of Mystery, Pythagoras
Allegory of the Cave, Plato
The Political & Philosophical Ideal
Founding Principles of New Acropolis

TYPES OF GOVERNANCE

4 Types of Man
Models of Governance, Plato
The Triumphs and Challenges of Democracy
Organizational structure of Traditional Society

PATH TO MYSTERY

Roles in Ancient Society: Children, Adolescence, Elders
Traditional Education and Tribal Initiation
Mystical and Magical Initiation

WHEN MYTH AND HISTORY MEET

Reliability of History
Myths: Truths hidden in Mythology
Chronological Time, Sacred Time, Mythical Time
How Myth drives History

CYCLES WITHIN HISTORY

Natural Law of Cycles
Cycles of Time: Hindu Yugas, Great Year of Plato
Challenges and Opportunities of our times

ESOTERIC HISTORY OF MAN

7 Kingdoms of Life
Manas & the Evolution of Human Consciousness
The Discipular Path: Devotion, Investigation, Service

SUMMARY

So, where do we go from here?

PRACTICAL EXERCISES

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**Students earn diplomas certifying completion of the course having
attended at least 80% of the classes.**
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