

# The Voice Box

Seeking To Establish Knowledge and Understanding

## Philosophy

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Philosophy is what? A love and pursuit of wisdom by intellectual means and moral self discipline. The investigation of causes and laws underlying reality. Inquiry into the nature of things based on logical reasoning rather than empirical methods. The critique and analysis of fundamental beliefs as they are formulated.

We can safely say that philosophy is a pursuit of wisdom, of knowledge especially that that deals with ultimate reality or with the most general causes and principles of things. Philosophy is one mans beliefs in relation to the causes and effects of his subject matter, his reasoning, his empathy, his conclusion.

It does not necessarily mean that you have to go along with it. It is his opinions and conclusions, what he believes. It is the same when you have a belief about something and you try to put your opinion forward, then that is your philosophical view on that particular subject.

Philosophy is the stripping and rebuilding of the views of others and your own until you formulate what you can finally accept as your own philosophical truths and beliefs.

There are no hard and fast rules regarding philosophy, only those that you make for yourself.

*adj. empirical*

1.
  - a. Relying on or derived from observation or experiment: *empirical results that supported the hypothesis.*
  - b. Verifiable or provable by means of observation or experiment: *empirical laws.*
2. Guided by practical experience and not theory, especially in medicine