

THE ANCIENT, MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY: THE LINGERING PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY (SOLVED AND UNSOLVED)

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ABSTRACT

The study of Philosophy is a special area to study as a subject matter. The question as to what philosophy is very difficult to answer. Various philosophers tend to give different answers to the same questions with accompanied reasons to justify their opinionated answers. This may suggest the whole components of Philosophy where the philosophers in a fundamental manner differ in their aims and approach of a given subject. Philosophy has been an ideal subject matter for centuries now. It has evolved overtime. Philosophy has risen from the period at which it was seen as a metaphysical subject to the present day where it is seen to be foundation and bedrock of all other subjects. Philosophy has revolved and evolved from the Ancient philosophy, to modern philosophy and then, contemporary philosophy. However, notwithstanding the stage and historical timing of the stage of philosophy; there are problems which confront philosophy. The following fundamental problems of philosophy will be dealt with among many: appearance and reality, essence and existence, religion and existence of God, evil, mind and body and problem of knowledge. Thus, it shows that philosophy is generally meant for the purpose of clarification or solution. This paper attempts to discuss the problems of philosophy; whether solved or unsolved; which has caused a Philosophical thought at any stage of development of philosophy. The paper starts with an Introduction; and proceeds to choose fundamental problems which philosophy has attempted to solve or needs to solve and finally, a conclusion.

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