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PHILOSOPHIES

Solipsism (chaps. 1-2)

Pronunciation: so-lip-sis
Function: noun
Etymology: Latin solus alone + ipse self
Date: 1874
1: a theory holding that the self can know nothing but its own modifications and that the self is the only existent thing; also: extreme egocentrism
— solipsistic, solipsistic

Stoicism (chap. 2)

Main Entry: stoicism
Pronunciation: stō-i-sīm
Function: noun
Date: 1626
1: capitalized: the philosophy of the Stoics
2: indifference to pleasure or pain: impassiveness

Sophism (chaps. 3-4)

Pronunciation: sof-izm
Function: noun
Date: 15th century
1: an argument apparently correct in form but actually invalid; especially: such an argument used to deceive
2: sophistry

Nihilism (chap. 5)

Function: noun
Etymology: German Nihilismus, from Latin nihil nothing — more at nil
Date: circa 1817
1 at a viewpoint that traditional values and beliefs are unfounded and that existence is senseless and useless; b: a doctrine that denies any objective ground of truth and especially of moral truths
2: a doctrine or belief that conditions in the social organization are so bad as to make destruction desirable for its own sake independent of any constructive program or possibility: capitalized: the program of a 19th century Russian party advocating revolutionary reform and using terrorism and assassination
— nihilistic, nihilism

Monism (chap. 6)

Pronunciation: mon-izm, män-
Function: noun
Etymology: German Monismus, from mon- + -ismus -ism
Date: 1862
1: a view that there is only one kind of ultimate substance: the view that reality is one unitary organic whole with no independent parts
2: monogenesis
3: a viewpoint or theory that reduces all phenomena to one principle
— monist, monistic, monism

Skepticism (chap. 6)

Pronunciation: skep-tik
Function: noun
Date: 1646
1: an attitude of doubt or a disposition to incredulity either in general or toward a particular object
2: a doctrine that true knowledge or knowledge in a particular area is uncertain: the method of suspended judgment, systematic doubt, or criticism characteristic of skepticism
3: doubt concerning basic religious principles (as immortality, providence, and revelation)

existentialism (chap. 10)

Function: noun
Date: 1941
1: a chiefly 20th century philosophical movement embracing diverse doctrines but centering on analysis of individual existence in an unfathomable universe and the plight of the individual who must assume ultimate responsibility for acts of free will without any certain knowledge of what is right or wrong or good or bad

Empiricism (chap. 12)

Pronunciation: em-pir-ik
Function: noun
Date: 1657
1: a former school of medical practice founded on experience without the aid of science or theory: quackery, charlatanry
2: the practice of relying on observation and experiment especially in the natural sciences: a tenet arrived at empirically
3: a theory that all knowledge originates in experience
— empiricist