

Meeting #2 — Catchup/Groundwork

*some notes from the second meeting, which was just a general conversation on philosophy

Ancient Greek Philosophy: ethics, logic, natural science

-Two kinds of rational knowledge?

material: objects

formal: form of understanding. not different in objects

-logic cannot be empirical

-What is the difference between common-sense knowledge and the philosophical knowledge of morality?

-Good traits can be bad if a person is not good — without good will we cannot be happy?

-Propositions of morality:

1. genuine moral worth = done from duty
2. maxim (principle rule that helps people guide their actions) involves is more important than the actual purpose.

Will is most important

-duty is an entirely different thing from being truthful in general

-wisdom consists more in doing!

-good will — without qualification

-inclination without acts done from doing

-practical reason:

hypothetical imperative: conditioned command