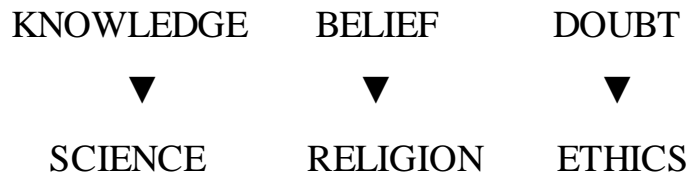


Knowledge and Belief

How do we know that we know something?

What is knowledge? What is belief?



Examples of ethical doubt: Socrates, Hypatia, Descartes

DESCARTES

Evil Demon – smart, powerful, deceitful, wants to trick me: everything outside of my mind is the effort of Evil Demon, so the question is how can I know anything

COGITO, ERGO SUM!

If someone wants to trick me, then I must exist! If I exist, someone can trick me!

FOUR RULES BY DESCARTES:

1. Do not accept anything as given if you have some reason to doubt it
2. Everything you want to examine divide into smaller pieces to find the best solutions
3. Order your thoughts from most simple ones toward more complex ones
4. Make general views on everything, so that you don't miss anything