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Philosophy is a group of studies rather than a single one, and it has been pursued by different methods at different times. The Royal Institute of Philosophy interprets the term in a wide sense, so as to include ethics, aesthetics, metaphysics, the philosophy of religion, logic and the philosophy of science, the philosophy of history, political and social philosophy, and the philosophy of mind, and is not committed to any single school or method. The specialization which has taken place between the sciences and within them has made it desirable for scientists and philosophers to consider, from time to time, the relationships of the sciences to one another and to other aspects of human endeavour. Developments in psychology, psychiatry and social anthropology raise not only scientific and logical problems but also appear relevant to the ways in which men think about religion, morality and law, so that there is a constant need for unprejudiced and detailed inquiry into the precise points at which these developments are relevant and into the consequences which ought to be drawn. It is constantly desirable, too, that there be a renewal of our thinking on the questions of freedom and equality, authority and criticism, tradition and progress, which form the subject-matter of political philosophy. Persisting throughout all social changes is the deep-rooted metaphysical interest in the nature of the soul, its relation to material things, the origin of the world and the place of man in itproblems summed up by Kant as concerned with 'God, freedom and immortality'.

It is the object of The Royal Institute of Philosophy to provide a forum for the rational discussion of these and similar questions. This requires strenuous thinking, but it is hoped that the services which the Institute provides, and particularly the existence of a journal in which such thinking is carried out in language as free from technicalities as the nature of the subject allows, will help to maintain standards of intellectual appreciation and satisfy a cultural need.

The annual subscription to the Institute is $\pounds 1$ 10s. Members receive the Institute's Journal, PHILOSOPHY, published quarterly, and may, of course, attend the Lectures.

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Forms of application for membership may be had on application to the Assistant Secretary at 14 Gordon Square, W.C.1.

LECTURES

The following Lectures will be given at 14 Gordon Square, W.C.1, at 5.45 p.m. All dates fall on a Friday.

	Michaelmas I erm 1901
October 13th.	Belief and Lack of Understanding. Professor H. H. Price.
October 20th.	The Manson Lecture: The Psychology of Aggression. Dr Anthony
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October 27th.	Hume's Theory of Belief. Professor C. D. Broad.
November 3rd.	Jevon's Critique of John Stuart Mill. Dr William Mays (University
	of Manchester).
November 10th.	Can Moral Philosophy Be Neutral? B. A. O. Williams, Esq., M.A.
	(University College, London).
November 17th.	The Philosophy of Maurice Merleau-Ponty. Dr Colin Smith (University
	College, London).
November 24th.	Psycho-Analysis and Value. Richard Wollheim, Esg., M.A. (University
	College, London).
December 1st.	Truth, Correspondence and Confirmation. G. J. Warnock, Esq.,
	M.A. (Magdalen College, Oxford).

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January 26th.	Religious Paradox. Professor Robert H. L. Slater (Harvard University).
February 2nd.	What was Hegel's Main Problem? Dr J. O. Wisdom (London School of Economics and Political Science).
February 9th.	Title to be announced later.
February 16th.	Professor Gilbert Ryle (University of Oxford). Philosophical Delimitations—Proper and Improper. William Solo- mon, Esq., M.Sc.
February 23rd.	The Grounds of True Statements. Professor L. J. Russell.
March 2nd.	Aristotle's Psychology. Sir W. David Ross, K.B.E., Litt.D., LL.D., F.B.A.
March 9th.	What is History? Professor H. D. Lewis (King's College, London).

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J. R. Lucas. Minds, Machines and Godel. Philosophy Vol. XXXVI. No. 137. (April-July, 1961.) Page 120, Line 8, for 'complete' read 'consistent'.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held this year in December.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CENTRE

A Centre of the Institute has now been re-established in the Los Angeles area. Two lectures have already been given: one, by Professor John Hospers on *The Extramusical Reference of Music*, and the other by Dr Richard Bellman on *The Failure of the Universities*. Other lectures are being arranged and those interested should write to the Secretary, Southern California Centre, Professor Donald Loftsgordon, Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, Occidental College, Los Angeles 41, California.

INTRODUCTORY COURSE IN ETHICS

For members in the London area a slip is enclosed giving details of an introductory course to be given in the Autumn by Mr W. W. Bartley III (Harvard).

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B. A. O. Williams	Lecturer in Philosophy at University College, London. Has contributed to the <i>Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society</i> , <i>Philosophy</i> (see April 1959, pp. 168-170), <i>Mind</i> , etc. Is at present completing a book on Descartes. Formerly Fellow of New College, Oxford.
Helen Hervey	Author of a London Ph.D. thesis on the philosophy of Thomas Hobbes and of articles in Osiris (1952) and the Philosophical Quarterly (1957).
G. N. A. Vesey	Lecturer in Philosophy at King's College, London. Author of articles, mainly on the philosophy of mind, in the Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, Mind, The Philosophical Review.
G. W. TURNER	Lecturer in English at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand.
John W. Yolton	Author of John Locke and the Way of Ideas (1956) and of The Philosophy of Science of A. S. Edington (1960). At present editing Locke's Essay for a forthcoming Everyman edition. Professor of Philosophy at the University of Maryland 1961.



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