

# Syllabus for Modern Philosophy, Independent Study

## 1. Philosophical Understanding

- René Descartes: Meditations (1641), Rules for the Direction of the Mind (1701)
- George Berkeley: Principles of Human Knowledge (1710)
- David Hume: An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding (1748)
- Georg Hegel: Phenomenology of Mind (1807)

## 2. Other Stuff

- Notes from the Underground by Dostoevski or Emile by Rousseau.
- Gottfried Leibniz: The Monadology (1698)

## 3. Ethics in Modern Philosophy

- Benedict de Spinoza: The Ethics (1677)
- Immanuel Kant: Critique of Pure Reason (1787)
- Georg Hegel: The Philosophy of Right (1844)
- Friedrich Nietzsche: Genealogy of Ethics (1887)

We plan to spend about a week on each work, discussing mostly over the week and just checking in on Friday to say, "Yep, it's time to move to the next work." We discuss the works over email and will do another paper or two as appropriate.