

# Philosophical Tools

*and how to befriend the Truth*

## Part II: “Paradox, Dialectics & The Heart”

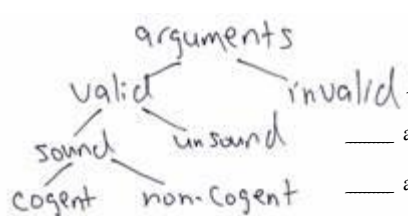
### Programme

Intro and announcements, 5 mins

Devotional reading (at end of handout) & Qs, 15 mins

Review of Part 1, Q&A to remember some of the main points, 15 mins:

- How do you understand Inductive & deductive reasoning? How does intuition differ?
- What are the main characteristics of ignorance & truth, as we discussed last month?
- Why is rational argument important to the Dialectic method? What is a sound logical argument? (see sketch at the back page of the 1<sup>st</sup> handout & updated below)



(is this somewhat relativistic & lacking in metaphysical rigour?)  
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— valid (true) premises need *only* be well-structured & coherent! → (what about ethics?)  
— a sound argument needs both true premises & logical conclusions.  
— an argument is persuasive to a person if it is valid, sound & understandable.  
Is this then a provable **or refutable argument** that satisfies all the formal (exoteric?) conditions.

Paradoxes, how understanding them reveals the greatest of truths, 25 mins

Theosophy's and Hegel's Approach To "The One-All", 15 mins

The Dialectic & The Eristic, 15 mins

Videos illustrating these points, say 2 or 3 of 5 mins each, 15 mins

Q&A, with wrap up, 20 mins

aim to finish at 9 pm