## AN INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHICAL ANALYSIS



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# THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF PHILOSOPHY

#### 1.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Define Philosophy;
- Explain its nature;
- Distinguish Philosophy from common sense and science;
- Describe its scope; and
- Discuss the uses of Philosophy.

#### 1.2 INTRODUCTION:

At the outset, every systematic discussion one is expected to define terms and here 'Philosophy' is treated as our principal term. But the term 'Philosophy' is so complex. We cannot be defined it as like as "chemistry", "biology," or "Sociology". It is universally recognized discipline and its history is as old as man's. For removing the confusion and lack of understanding about the nature and purpose of philosophy, we make an attempt to define whole thing in the easiest term.

As an intellectual being people always seeks to know what the world will be like in the foreseeable future. What is in store for man: the holocaust of war, or a peaceful life? Who creates this world and where from it comes? What is soul? What is the relation between soul and body? What is the relation between God and Man? These types of question arise in peoples mind.