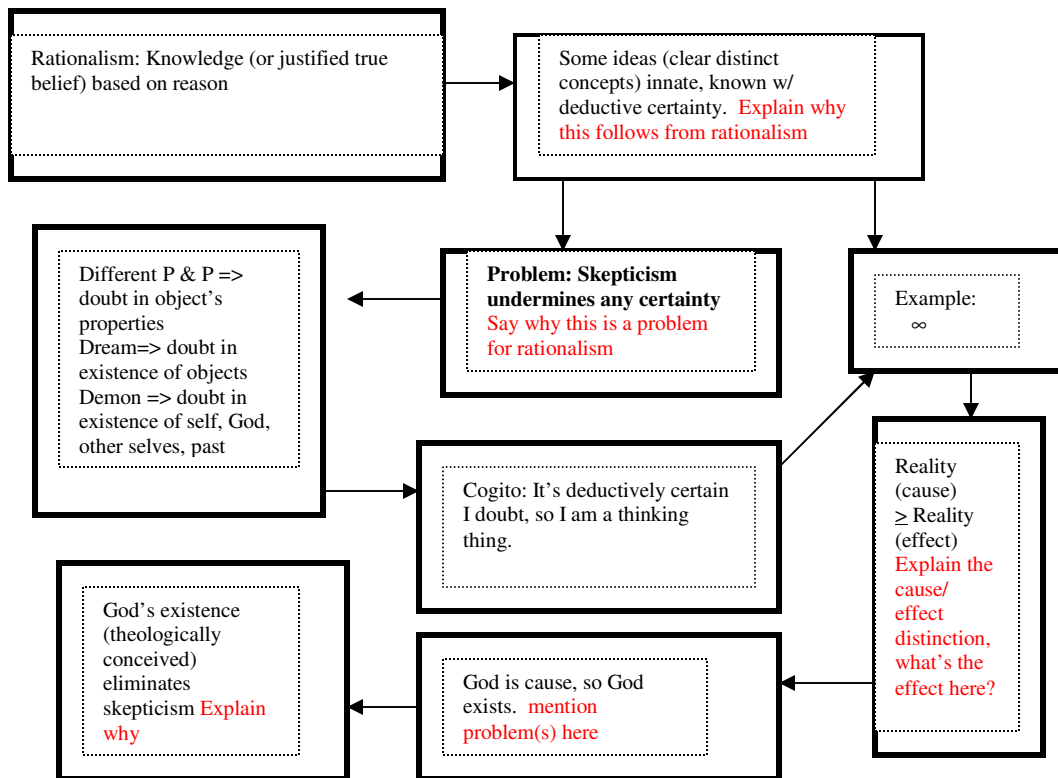


Philosophy 100
Study questions for 2nd Examination
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2. Explain and critically discuss the philosophical views of Descartes. Be sure to include within your discussion the following concepts: rationalism; innate ideas; the method of doubt; the dream argument; the differing persons and perspectives argument; *cogito ergo sum* (I think, therefore I am); Descartes proofs for God's existence. (50 pts.)

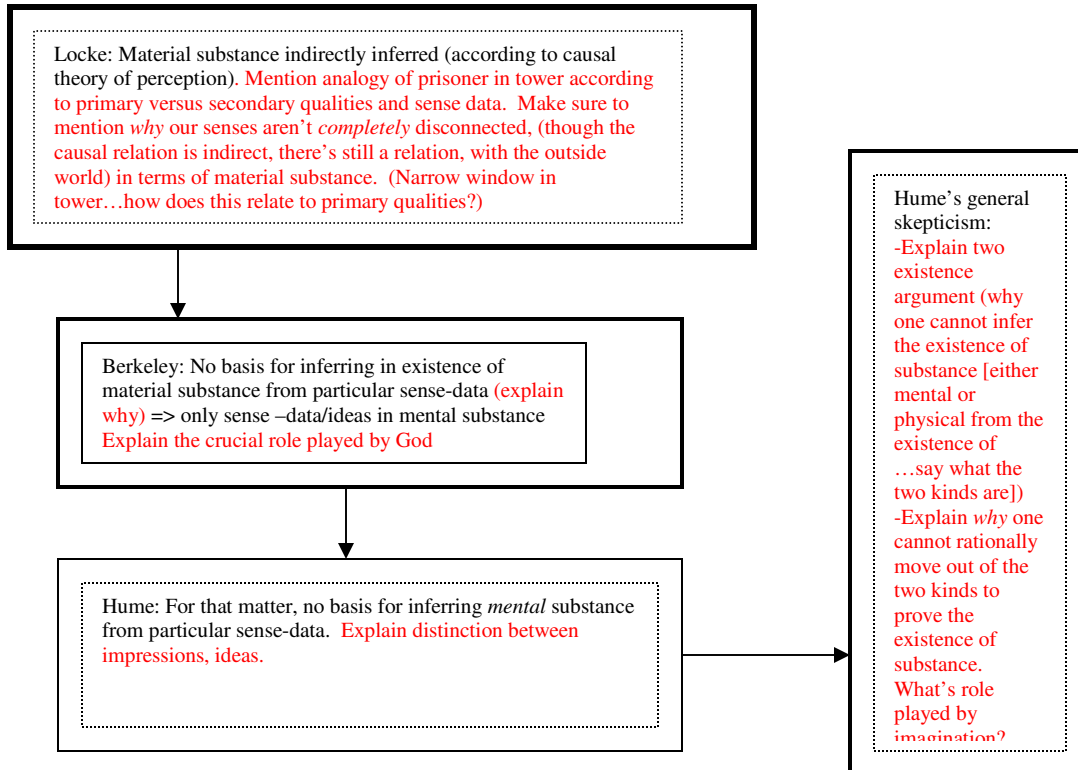


3. Explain and critically discuss Odell's naturalistic explanation of the origins of religion. Be sure to include within your discussion the following concepts: precursor to science; creative genius; animism; Greek religion or polytheism; monotheism; frozen metaphysics; and anthropomorphism. (50 pts.)

Study closely pp 2-3 "Gods and Skepticism" handout
<http://www.glue.umd.edu/~wkallfel/PHIL100Sp2006/PHIL100godskept.pdf>

4. Use the "prisoner in the tower" example to explain Locke's causal theory of perception. Explain the problem Berkeley finds with Locke's theory and his solution to it. Explain: Hume's distinction between "impressions" and "ideas," Hume's objections to

both Locke and Berkeley, Hume's skepticism (be sure to include in your exposition his double existence argument, and the role he assigns to reason versus the role he assigns to the imagination). (50 pts.)



5. Explain and critically discuss philosophical skepticism. Be sure to include within your discussion the following concepts: philosophical skepticism; classical philosophical skepticism; the various arguments in addition to the dream argument that can be presented in favor of skepticism; tautologies or necessary truths; beliefs or claims about sense-data; the possible that/possible for distinction; the Sherlock Holmes case, and the position that skepticism is ultimately unintelligible. (50 pts.)

