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PHILOSOPHY

LESSON 5: NEW SPIRITUALITY, ISLAM

BEGINNING WORK

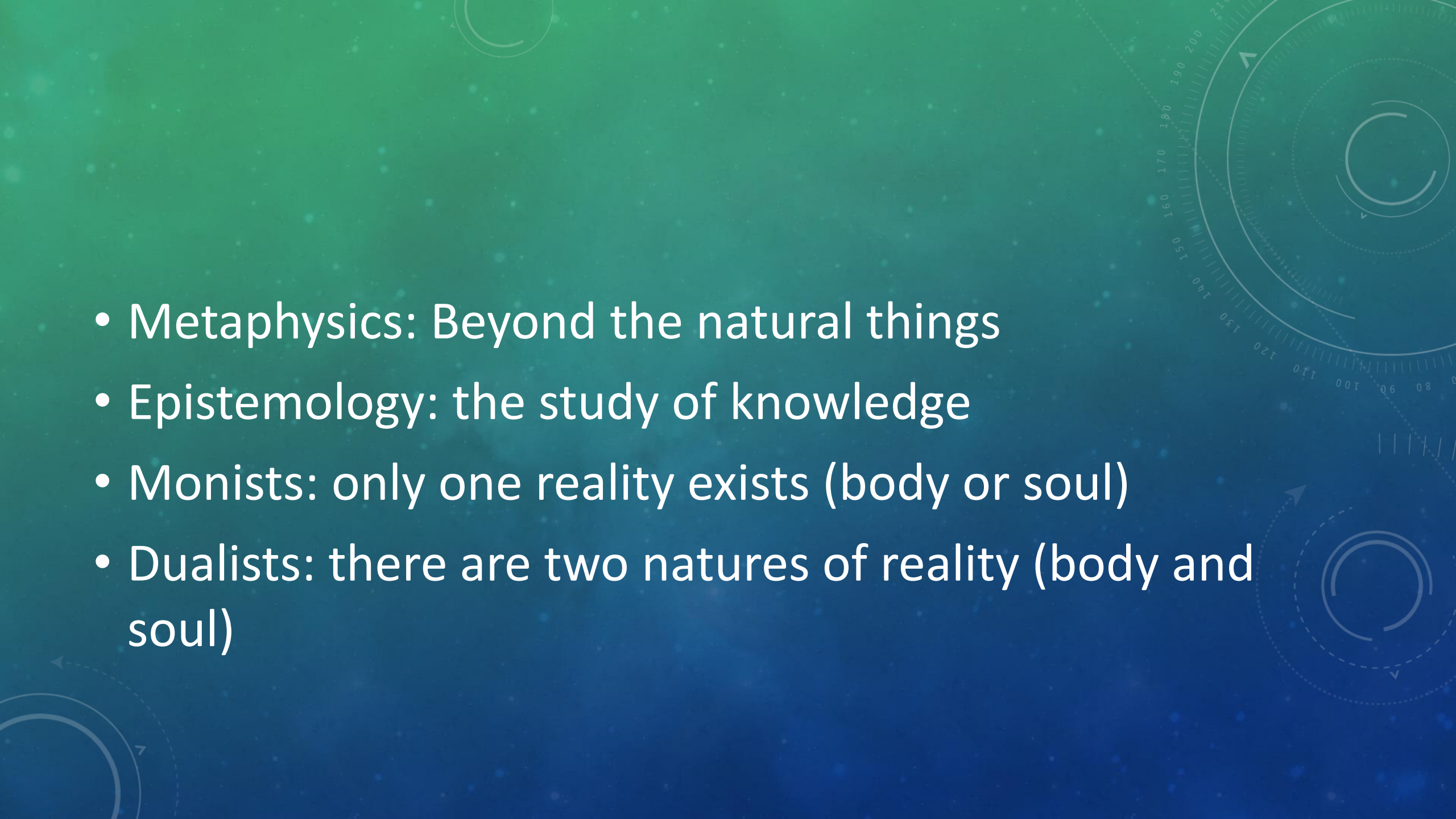
- Read 9.5 (page 211-213) in your textbook.
(Philosophy, Chapter 9)
- Write one paragraph on how New Spirituality is similar to Christianity and how it is different.

ASSIGNMENT

- Summarize the metaphysics of New Spirituality
- Summarize the epistemology of New Spirituality
- How does New Spirituality handle the mind/body problem?
- Summarize the metaphysics of Islam
- Summarize the epistemology of Islam
- How does Islam handle the mind/body problem?

PHILOSOPHY: 3 KEY QUESTIONS

- What is ultimately real? (Metaphysics)
- What does it mean to know? (Epistemology)
- With what part of our being do we contemplate these questions? (Mind/body problem)

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- Metaphysics: Beyond the natural things
 - Epistemology: the study of knowledge
 - Monists: only one reality exists (body or soul)
 - Dualists: there are two natures of reality (body and soul)

NEW SPIRITUALITY

- Metaphysics: only the spirit exists and ultimate reality is consciousness
- Epistemology: truth is known by feeling or experience, not by scientific knowledge
- Epistemology: We need to get in touch with our higher selves

NEW SPIRITUALITY

- Mind/body problem: spirit is the only substance, the body is simply a manifestation of the spirit
- The point is not understanding reality but experiencing it

NEW SPIRITUALITY

Example: Pocahontas,
“Colors of the Wind”

*You think the earth is
just a dead thing you
can claim, but I know
every rock and tree and
creature; has a life, has
a spirit, has a name.*



Atheism

Ultimate reality is
matter/ hard
science

Truth known by
facts; feelings are
not important

Pantheism

Ultimate reality
spiritual/
consciousness

Truth is known by
feelings/
experience

ISLAM

- Metaphysics: affirms the reality of both the natural and supernatural world
- Epistemology: special revelation through the Quran and fallible human knowledge.
- The Muslim version of special revelation is not open to questioning, dialogue with those who believe differently is difficult

ISLAM

- Mind/body problem: similar to Christianity; mind and body dualism
- The soul is immaterial and immortal but properly resides in the body