

A Movie Goer's Guide to...

Course Introduction

Welcome! *A Movie Goer's Guide to...* is a new course being presented for Leeds Atheist Society. Each session a topic will be introduced using carefully selected segments from popular films and television series.

Purpose

The aim of the course is to provide a gentle introduction to complex topics from analytic and continental philosophy. The issues discussed will be secular answers to the question: what does it mean to be human?

Structure

The structure of each individual session may vary depending upon the number of participators and the complexity of the issues. If there are enough coordinators available, the room will be broken up into groups of ten for discussion, otherwise the session will take the form of a presentation, with intermittent questions to the audience. Every Guide will begin with a short description of the topic and an overview of the films being used.

Schedule

There will be two Guides each semester, with the topics and dates for second semester sessions still open for review.

A Movie Goer's Guide to... Finding an Exit

Friday, October 2nd

Using the Twilight Zone episode, "Five Characters in Search of an Exit" discussion will focus on:

Where am I?

Who am I?

What am I?

A Movie Goer's Guide to... The Meaning of Life and Death

Tuesday, November 17th

Using forty minutes of clips from "American Beauty" and a segment from "Nothing in the Dark" the session will focus on:

What is the Meaning of Life?

Am I Free? What is beautiful?

What is Death and should it be feared?