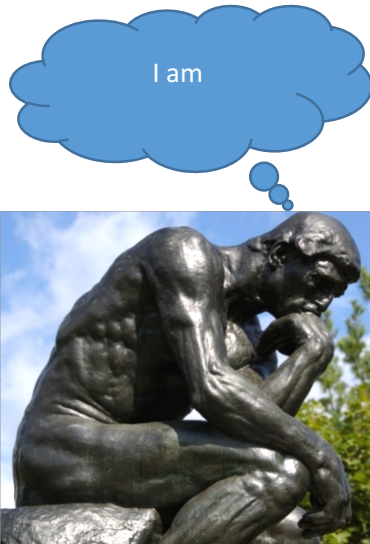


Asian Philosophy

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Class Description: Western thought starts with the idea that to be is to be some *thing*. Metaphysics developed the idea of *thingness*, that *Everything* includes every *thing*, and the self as a thinking thing seeking objective knowledge.

Besides thingness, Eastern thought, includes of nothingness.

In this class, we will read the founding texts for Daoism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Zen (in that order) to dwell on nothing, *no-thing*, and *no-thingness*; talk non-sense; think about *emptiness*, death and explore how reincarnation might work.

In short, we will examine the philosophical grounds for Being and Nothingness.

Books:

The Sourcebook for Indian Philosophy by Radhakrishan & Moore (\$57).

The Sourcebook for Chinese Philosophy by Wing Sit Chan (\$38)

Movies: The Mahabarata (1989), Civilization of Maxwell Bright (2005), Finding Dory (2015)