

# A Practical Guide to Culture

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### 课堂notes:

1. 什么是爱？
2. Identity?
3. Counterfeit gods
4. 新文化的产生
5. 系统理解社会和文化：七山

# Plato to Decartes to Kant to Postmodernism

Dualism: Decartes: I think, therefore I am

## Mind

A free autonomous self

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## Body

A mechanism operating by natural laws

“I am what I feel.”

“I am what social construct tells me.”

**Q: Are we self-creating, self-existent, self-defining beings?**

Kant: nature/freedom (moral) split

Human mind/consciousness as center of reality

Nietzsche: Facts do not exist, only interpretations

The postmodern body/person divide

## Autonomous Self

Free to impose its own interpretations on the Body

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## Physical Body

Raw material with no intrinsic identity or purpose

# SOGL laws and implications

- Natural rights are reduced to legal rights
- Legal rights are then defined by society and state

## 讨论：

- 与这些观念/行为相关的，什么是深层的framework?  
“There is more than one way to be lost”
- 同样的，新一代的信仰的主要内涵是什么？
- **这些挑战，会带出哪些后果？**
- **教会要如何做？**