

EDFN109B: FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION

If this Course does not drive you crazy nothing ever will in this life. So, really this Course is about staying sane.



FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION

- Used to be addressed and implemented as:
- Sociological foundations of education
 - Philosophical foundations of education
 - Psychological foundations of education; and,
 - Linguistic foundations of education

(no particular order or distribution of prestige intended!!!)

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- Don't believe all you hear about this Course.
- It was not created by the devil to torture nice people.
- It's lecturers are not crazies!!!!

Although this course can drive you nuts, especially if you are not good at listening or seeing other points of view!!



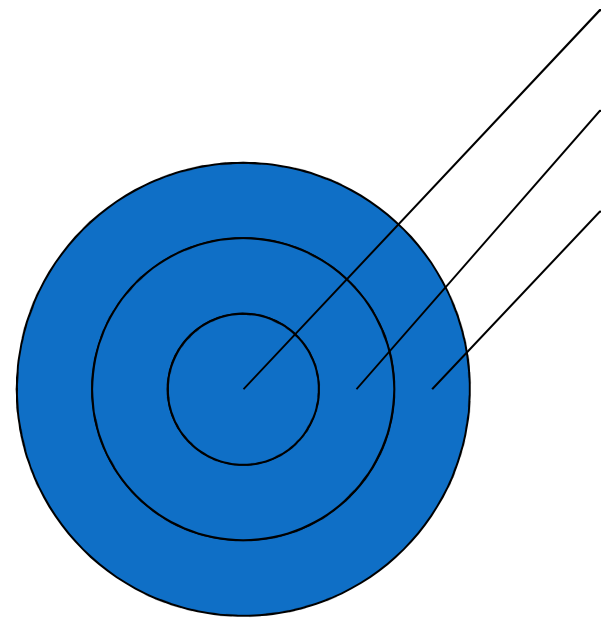


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- Instead of sociological, philosophical, psychological and sociolinguistic foundations of education,
- WE NOW HAVE JUST ‘FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION.’
- In spite of the name change, we still worship our origins/ancestors very seriously and sometimes in a confusing babel-like manner!

FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION

- LISTEN TO ITS NAME:
- FOUNDATIONS
- FOUNDATIONS
- FOUNDATIONS
- What does 'foundations' mean in the construct of this Course?





FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION

Foundations as in

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- CORE
- FOUNDATION
- ORIENTATION
- PLATFORM
- WALKWAY
- ANTECEDENTS



FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION – as Core

CORE VALUES IN EDUCATION:

- Knowledge (principles regarding knowledge claims)
- Rationality (principles regarding ‘making sense’)
- Respect for Persons (principles regarding treating persons as subjects not objects)
- Truth (care in telling the truth; e.g. clarity)
- Justice (fairness)(principles regarding equity and equality)



FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION as in Groundation

GROUNDATION:

- Instilling of basic principles
- Celebration of such principles
- Reinforcement of such principles
- Building solidarity in the preservation of basic principles
- Creating convivial occasions for all ‘believers’.



FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION as 'Orientation'.

ORIENTATION: Visions of the Good Society.

What should go in the pot when we talk 'education'?

- Racialism/elitism or inclusiveness/universality?
- Positivism or Relativism
- Heteronomy or Autonomy
- What is Social Stratification?
- What is Class War?
- Subversion or Reproduction
- Freedom

What??



FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION –as platform/walkway

- Education theories
- Great Educationists and their insights
- Human nature
- Learning/Acquiring skills
- Intellectual growth and development

FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION – as

Antecedents

What is the meaning of life? Ah!

What is the meaning of meaning?

Epicurianism. Shango Babawa.

How many angels can sit at the tip of a needle? Skinnerian Behaviourism.

Max Weber. Deviance. Bureaucracy.

It is impossible to know what one did not already know.

It is and it is not? Marxism as a tool for social analysis. Elitism. Thales.

Natural Philosophy.

Pythagoreanism. Mind and body.

Confucius. The Socratic elenchus.

Do the dead die?

Thought. Excluded Middle. The Modus Tollens Rule and the nature of Scientific Method.

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What is everything? Knowledge is recollection. Everything is water. Jesus Christ.

Hedonism. Vodun. Kali.

Hinduism. A gentleman and a scholar. Kantian

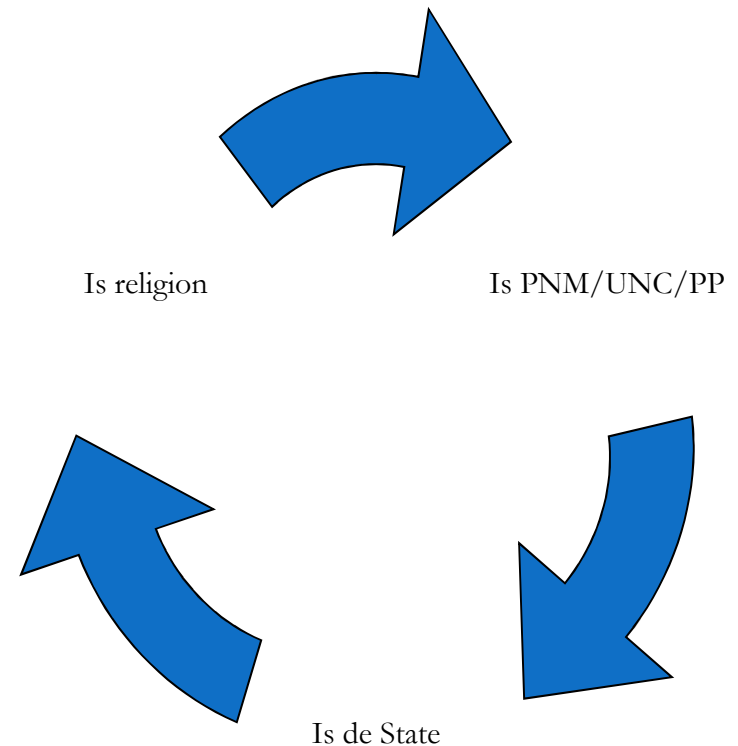
epistemology. Wittgenstein and private language.

Chomsky. Power structure and language. Dilemmas.

Laws of

EDUCATION IN T'NT

- Eh! eh! If Common Entrance so fair, why white ch'ren don make Junior Sec?
- Dem ch'ren go to school for years an still come out not reading. Dem teachers get pay? Dem thief! Ah say so! Yeeaah!
- Teacher training? Untrained teachers in private schools get more papers for children. Steups. Steups.
- De science lab on de top floor and children in wheelchair want to do science. Them go fly?!!!
- Is it Sex Education or Sex Training?
- Our top 10% are some of the best students in the world.
- The denominationalists like it soh!!!
- Is it Education or Indoctrination.
- Dem blind ch'ren have they writing. Dem deaf have they own sign ting. Why poor ch'ren have nothing?





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Finally!!!!!!

- Marcuse wrote passionately about the need for us to; ‘**THINK WHAT WE ARE DOING!**’
- Ah! That sounds like what the Course is all about!!!!
- Think! Think outside of the box!! YES!!!!!!



THANK YOU!!

**YOU HAVE BEEN A GOOD READER. HOPE YOU
ARE ALSO A GOOD LISTENER AND THINKER.**