

Critical thinking

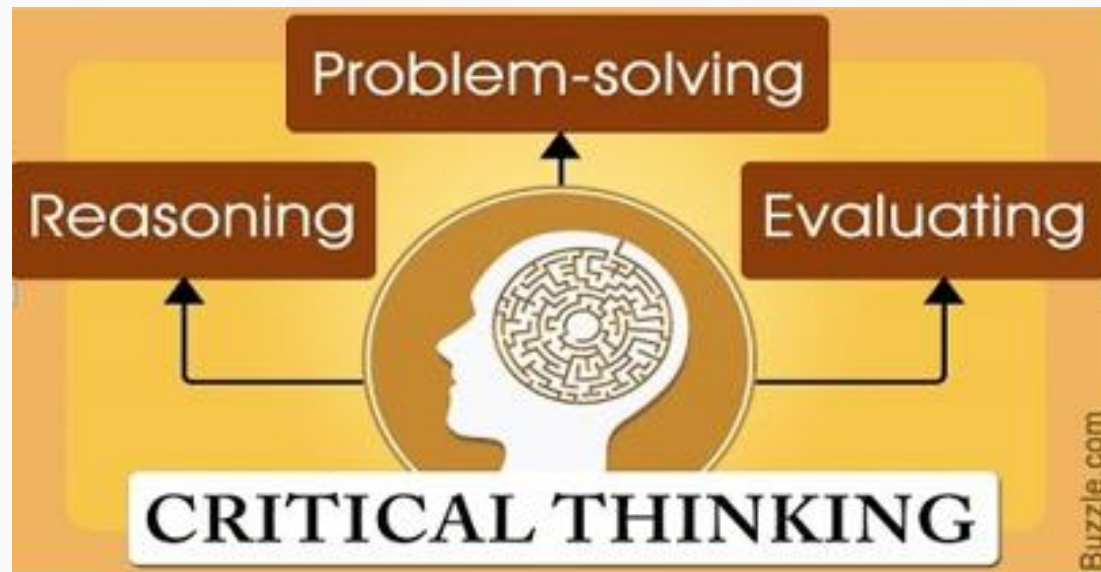


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What is critical thinking?

Why do we have to take this course?

Is critical thinking part of Dharma?



Critical thinking

- **Argument and logic is the most important component in Critical thinking.**
- **The correct Argument takes the form of a single conclusion supported by premises.**

Why is critical thinking part of Dharma

2nd path of Eightfold path



Episode 1: about Your Host



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*Episode 001:
About Your Host*

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- BSc **in physics**
- PhD in philosophy
- An academic philosopher who has been teaching courses in philosophy of science, logic, critical thinking and ethics from 1999 to 2015.
- From 2008-2012 he served as Chair of the Department of **Philosophy** and **Religious Studies** at Iowa State University.
- In 2015 he gave up the security of a tenured academic position and a steady paycheck to work full-time as an independent educator.

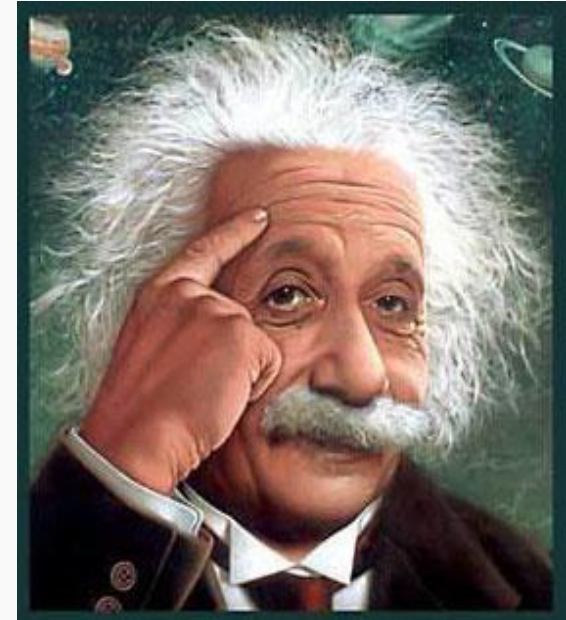
Buddhism = Philosophy = Science



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Enlightenment Road Map

Critical thinking = right/correct thinking = 2nd path of Eightfold Path

Dr. deLaplante's mission

- **With the rise of “fake news”, persuasions, and manipulations, we face a crisis in knowledge, trust and communication.**
- **His goal is to create learning resources (tools and training programs) that teach people the skills necessary to:**

Dr. deLaplante's mission

- **meet the challenges of living together in the 21st century**
- **make these resources available to as wide an audience as possible.**
- **protect themselves from harmful exploitations and manipulations**
- **become more effective communicators and advocate the values they care about**
- **think more critically and independently for themselves.**

Self-realization

- **Search for truth and wisdom**
- **To create learning resources (tools and training programs) that teach people the skills necessary to think more critically and independently for themselves**

Enlightenment

- **To search for truth, develop wisdom and to ignite the compassion of all human beings through enlightenment**
- **To design an academic curriculum that expedites the enlightenment process and realize truth and spirituality**

Self-Defense

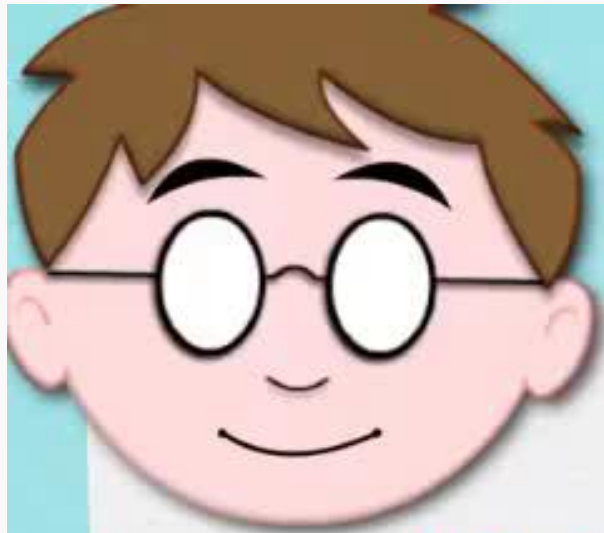
- **4 reasons why learning critical thinking skill is important**
- **the purpose of Self-Defence technique**



Learning Objectives

Episode 2: Why Critical Thinking Matters

Part I: Self-Defence



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Why Critical Thinking Matters
Part I: Self-Defense

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Self-Defense

The Art of Defense:

Self-defense, as a means of protecting ourselves from the false **rhetoric**, bad **arguments** and manipulations that are often used by people and institutions to get us to believe and do things that aren't really in our best interest.

Self-Defense

The 4 reasons:

- **Self-defence**
- **Empowerment**
- **Civic duty**
- **Truth and wisdom**

Self-Defense

- **Self defense section allows for recognition/awareness of rhetoric and bad argument which can influence one's belief.**
- **Sensitize and immunize ourselves from manipulations and influences by powerful social institutions and businesses.**
- **Becoming independent thinkers who have ownership of our own beliefs and values.**

Empowerment

- **Distinguishes the relationship between logic, argumentation, rhetoric psychology, white magic and black magic**
- **Defines and Identifies the empowerment tool kit**



Learning Objectives

Part II: Empowerment



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Why Critical Thinking Matters

Part 2: Empowerment

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Empowerment

Playing Offense:

We're empowered by our ability to organize our thoughts in a logical way, and to craft an argument that gives our audience the strongest reasons possible to accept our conclusion.

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To be continue

Thank You

