PART III

Week 4/5
July 18

Classics of Epistemology
Plato, Theaetetus (excerpt)

Cartesian Skepticism
Rene Descartes, Meditations on First Philosophy I and II

Knowledge as Justified True Belief
Edmund Gettier, “Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?”
Robert Nozick, Excerpt from Philosophical Explanations

July 20

The Matrix
Christopher Grau, "Bad Dreams, Evil Demons, and the Experience Machine: Philosophy and The Matrix” (links)
David Chalmers, “The Matrix as Metaphysics” (link)

Humean Skepticism of the Senses and of Causation
David Hume, "Of Skepticism with Regard to the Senses"
David Hume, from An Enquiry Into Human Understanding (link)
W.C. Salmon, "An Encounter with David Hume"
G.E. Moore, "Proof of the External World"
Alex Byrne, "Skepticism About the Internal World"
Jonathan Vogel, "Cartesian Skepticism and Inference to the Best Explanation" Keith DeRose, "Contextualism: An Explanation and a Defense"
Rae Langton, "Elusive Knowledge and Knowledge of Things in Themselves"

The Third Paper will be handed out in class on Tuesday, July 18th. It is due on at the start of class on Tuesday, July 25th.