

is vs. ought

Difference between
"descriptive" & "prescriptive"

Science aims to understand "is"
(what universe is)
and science does not tell us
what we ought to be doing

Philosophy should tell us what
to do / what ought to be, not religion!
(The errors in religion are dangerous,
those in philosophy are only ridiculous)

Sceptic

need for causality!?

Aristotle

- material cause (made of what)
- formal cause (form of things)
- efficient cause (initiator of thing)
- final cause (use of that thing)

David Hume

Teleological Argument

watchmaker & creator
either designed or fully random!?
why only two options? $\Rightarrow$ natural selection

Day follows night but night does not cause day

Even if soul exists,
is it immortal?
Even if immortal,
why we care?
(as we don't care our
matter's being immortal?)

Does "self" exist?
(vs. Descartes!)

SOUL

ART

even if so,
what have we just proven
the existence of...?
miracles vs. extraordinary
events

why omniscient?
why omnipotent?

"A wise man always proportions
his beliefs to the evidence"

"Custom is the great guide of human life"

"Strong sense, united to delicate sentiment, improved by practice, perfected
by comparison, and cleared of all prejudice, can alone entitle critics to this
valuable character"