

## A YEAR OF CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS

20 November 2025 – 19 November 2026

### NOVEMBER 2025

- 20 Nov — What makes a virtual object “real” enough to be owed protection?
- 21 Nov — How can we distinguish genuine expertise from persuasive misinformation online?
- 22 Nov — Is it morally acceptable to automate decisions that deeply affect human well-being?
- 23 Nov — Should democratic systems adapt to include non-human intelligences in representation?
- 24 Nov — Can AI behaviors ever serve as evidence of consciousness rather than mere complexity?
- 25 Nov — Do predictive models count as scientific explanations if no one fully understands their internals?
- 26 Nov — Is AI-generated art properly “creative,” or just statistically assembled?
- 27 Nov — Does your digital identity constitute part of your personal self?
- 28 Nov — Can personalized information feeds ever present objective knowledge?
- 29 Nov — Is radical life extension morally permissible, or does it create unjust inequalities?
- 30 Nov — Should governments limit technologies that risk destabilizing social cohesion?

### DECEMBER 2025

- 1 Dec — Could consciousness arise collectively from a network of humans and machines?
- 2 Dec — When usefulness and truth diverge, which should guide scientific theory choice?
- 3 Dec — Does the ease of producing digital art devalue artistic achievement?
- 4 Dec — Are digital twins genuine second instances of a person or merely sophisticated imitations?
- 5 Dec — Can crowdsourcing knowledge outperform experts?
- 6 Dec — Is selecting genetic traits for non-medical reasons acceptable?
- 7 Dec — Should basic digital literacy be a prerequisite for voting?
- 8 Dec — If memories can be externally stored, does the self extend into technology?
- 9 Dec — Is simulation a legitimate replacement for real-world experimentation in high-risk domains?
- 10 Dec — Is beauty becoming homogenized by global media, and should that be resisted?

- 11 Dec — Do algorithmic recommendations shape our preferences or reveal them?
- 12 Dec — What counts as evidence in an era of ubiquitous synthetic media?
- 13 Dec — Is using brain stimulation to enhance mood morally permissible?
- 14 Dec — Should future generations receive explicit representation in government?
- 15 Dec — Can artificial systems possess genuine emotions?
- 16 Dec — Should indigenous knowledge systems be integrated into science as equal partners?
- 17 Dec — Does owning an artwork matter when digital copies are indistinguishable?
- 18 Dec — If data can predict choices, do we still have free will?
- 19 Dec — Do deepfake detectors simply create higher levels of skepticism toward all media?
- 20 Dec — Are individuals morally obligated to lower personal carbon footprints?
- 21 Dec — Should social media platforms be regulated as public utilities?
- 22 Dec — Do immersive VR experiences count as real experiences?
- 23 Dec — Where should we draw the boundary between science and technology?
- 24 Dec — Is remix culture a new creativity or a decline of originality?
- 25 Dec — Do fictional worlds acquire moral significance through our investment in them?
- 26 Dec — Can emotional intuition count as a legitimate form of knowledge?
- 27 Dec — Is privacy a fundamental right or a tradable commodity?
- 28 Dec — Should taxation favor human labor over automation?
- 29 Dec — If brain–computer interfaces influence choices, who is the agent?
- 30 Dec — Should science serve human needs first or pursue curiosity independently?
- 31 Dec — Does algorithmic curation diminish aesthetic serendipity?

## JANUARY 2026

- 1 Jan — Does psychological continuity matter more than bodily continuity for identity?
- 2 Jan — How should we treat claims validated only by proprietary algorithms?
- 3 Jan — Is it ethical to engineer animals for human convenience?
- 4 Jan — Should governments restrict addictive digital experiences?

- 5 Jan — Can thought truly remain private in a world of neural decoding?
- 6 Jan — Is reproducibility essential for scientific legitimacy?
- 7 Jan — Is minimalism a genuine value or just contemporary fashion?
- 8 Jan — Is personal identity preserved through mind-uploading?
- 9 Jan — Does access to vast information make us more knowledgeable or more confused?
- 10 Jan — Is it ethical to use AI companions to reduce loneliness?
- 11 Jan — Should lobbying by artificial agents be banned?
- 12 Jan — Can machines have subjective experiences?
- 13 Jan — Are multiverse hypotheses scientific or metaphysical?
- 14 Jan — Does hyper-realistic CGI change what counts as realism in art?
- 15 Jan — Are laws of nature discovered or constructed?
- 16 Jan — Do curated online communities create epistemic bubbles or healthy specialization?
- 17 Jan — Do wealthy nations have a duty to accept climate refugees?
- 18 Jan — Should voting be compulsory in modern democracies?
- 19 Jan — Is consciousness graded or binary?
- 20 Jan — Should riskier experiments be allowed if simulations reduce uncertainty?
- 21 Jan — Can digital performances replace live art without losing value?
- 22 Jan — What makes an algorithm “autonomous”?
- 23 Jan — Can machine learning outputs qualify as knowledge without justification?
- 24 Jan — Is lying ever justified to protect someone’s mental health?
- 25 Jan — Do global problems require global governance?
- 26 Jan — Are dreams forms of consciousness or breakdowns of it?
- 27 Jan — Is scientific progress accelerating or stagnating?
- 28 Jan — Do memes count as a legitimate aesthetic category?
- 29 Jan — Is time fundamentally continuous or discrete?
- 30 Jan — Is skepticism more rational now due to information overload?

31 Jan — Is it ethical to use persuasive design to shape user behavior?

## FEBRUARY 2026

1 Feb — Should borders be open in a globally connected world?

2 Feb — Could consciousness survive radical cognitive enhancement?

3 Feb — Are scientific fields fragmented beyond unification?

4 Feb — Does owning NFTs change the meaning of digital art?

5 Feb — Do identities like gender have metaphysical essence or social construction?

6 Feb — Can humans rely on AI systems they cannot audit?

7 Feb — Is it moral to prioritize human lives over non-human lives?

8 Feb — Should misinformation be legally punishable?

9 Feb — Do intelligent systems need bodies to think?

10 Feb — Are climate models scientific if they can't be tested in controlled experiments?

11 Feb — Does virality distort artistic value?

12 Feb — Are emotions physical states or something beyond the physical?

13 Feb — Does collective belief formation improve or weaken truth-seeking?

14 Feb — Should love-enhancing drugs be allowed for couples?

15 Feb — Should wealth caps exist to prevent extreme inequality?

16 Feb — Can self-awareness be engineered?

17 Feb — Is falsifiability still a valid criterion for science?

18 Feb — Do minimalist user interfaces affect aesthetic experience?

19 Feb — Does a person persist through radical memory alteration?

20 Feb — Can one have knowledge without understanding in the AI era?

21 Feb — Should parents have the right to genetically modify embryos?

22 Feb — Are digital surveillance states inherently unjust?

23 Feb — Is free will compatible with neuroscientific determinism?

24 Feb — Are scientific theories real or just predictive tools?

25 Feb — Is cultural appropriation in art always wrong?

26 Feb — Is identity best defined by memory, character, or continuity of consciousness?

27 Feb — Is trust in institutions rational in an age of institutional failure?

28 Feb — Is it ethical to create sentient AI?

## MARCH 2026

1 Mar — Should citizenship be global rather than national?

2 Mar — Can machines have imagination?

3 Mar — Are scientific explanations inherently reductionist?

4 Mar — Is photorealism still valuable when AI can produce it effortlessly?

5 Mar — Do mental states supervene on physical states?

6 Mar — Is testimony from AI systems epistemically valid?

7 Mar — Is geoengineering morally permissible?

8 Mar — Should AI systems be public infrastructure?

9 Mar — Is intelligence measurable across species and machines?

10 Mar — Can social sciences achieve the same rigor as natural sciences?

11 Mar — Does algorithmic music lack “soul,” and what does that mean?

12 Mar — Do possible worlds exist independently or only conceptually?

13 Mar — Is skepticism about digital images now obligatory?

14 Mar — Are universal basic incomes morally required in automated economies?

15 Mar — Should democracies adopt sortition (randomly selected assemblies)?

16 Mar — Does language shape consciousness?

17 Mar — Are scientific laws descriptive or prescriptive?

18 Mar — Is aesthetic value objective, subjective, or relational?

19 Mar — Are numbers real entities?

20 Mar — Is experiential knowledge equal to propositional knowledge?

21 Mar — Is it ethical to use deception in psychological research?

22 Mar — Should private corporations be allowed to control communication platforms?

23 Mar — Can consciousness be split into multiple streams?

24 Mar — Does quantum mechanics force us to rethink causality?

25 Mar — Is nostalgia an aesthetic value?

26 Mar — What is the ontological status of digital information?

27 Mar — Is Bayesian reasoning the best model for belief?

28 Mar — Is it ethical to profit from other people's data?

29 Mar — Should voting be weighted by knowledge?

30 Mar — Can non-biological minds have qualia?

31 Mar — Are interdisciplinary fields weakening or strengthening science?

#### APRIL 2026

1 Apr — Does perfect symmetry diminish or enhance beauty?

2 Apr — Is the self an illusion?

3 Apr — Can we ever escape cognitive biases?

4 Apr — Is wealth accumulation beyond a certain point immoral?

5 Apr — Should political offices have term limits?

6 Apr — Is attention a limited resource?

7 Apr — Does AI transform science into engineering?

8 Apr — Can procedural generation be genuinely artistic?

9 Apr — Are categories natural or human-made?

10 Apr — Do filter bubbles distort knowledge or refine it?

11 Apr — Should health care be universal?

12 Apr — Is the nation-state outdated?

13 Apr — Is consciousness necessary for intelligence?

14 Apr — Are scientific revolutions inevitable?

15 Apr — Does commercialization harm art?

- 16 Apr — Is physicalism sufficient to explain reality?
- 17 Apr — Is disagreement among experts evidence of ignorance?
- 18 Apr — Should we aim to eliminate suffering even if it changes humanity?
- 19 Apr — Are surveillance technologies compatible with democracy?
- 20 Apr — Can identity persist through personality change?
- 21 Apr — Is scientific progress linear or cyclical?
- 22 Apr — Does AI challenge the definition of creativity?
- 23 Apr — What is the nature of possibility?
- 24 Apr — Is knowledge primarily social?
- 25 Apr — Is whistleblowing a moral duty?
- 26 Apr — Should prisons aim for punishment or rehabilitation?
- 27 Apr — Can consciousness be quantified?
- 28 Apr — Do models shape reality or merely describe it?
- 29 Apr — Is kitsch genuine art?
- 30 Apr — Can objects be defined without reference to observers?

#### MAY 2026

- 1 May — Is memory a reliable source of knowledge?
- 2 May — Is it ethical to patent life forms?
- 3 May — Should political participation be incentivized?
- 4 May — Are emotions cognitive or biological?
- 5 May — Is technological acceleration outpacing scientific understanding?
- 6 May — Does art lose value when mass-produced?
- 7 May — Are persons fundamentally relational beings?
- 8 May — Can AI increase human understanding or only information?
- 9 May — Is coercive care justified for mental illness?
- 10 May — Should voting age be lowered or raised?

- 11 May — Are thoughts linguistic?
- 12 May — Is scientific expertise elitist?
- 13 May — Is artistic interpretation unlimited?
- 14 May — Is the universe purposeful or indifferent?
- 15 May — Are conspiracy theories epistemically irrational by definition?
- 16 May — Is it moral to enhance human intelligence?
- 17 May — Should property be abolished?
- 18 May — Is consciousness fundamentally unified?
- 19 May — Are scientific classifications natural or constructed?
- 20 May — Is beauty universal or cultural?
- 21 May — Is causation real or perceived?
- 22 May — Are mathematical truths discovered?
- 23 May — Is assisted suicide morally permissible?
- 24 May — Should political systems maximize freedom or equality?
- 25 May — Can emotions be reduced to neural patterns?
- 26 May — Does science require moral constraints?
- 27 May — Do video games qualify as art?
- 28 May — Are objects merely bundles of properties?
- 29 May — Does certainty exist?
- 30 May — Should we pursue colonization of other planets?
- 31 May — Should capitalism be reformed or replaced?

## JUNE 2026

- 1 Jun — Do animals possess self-awareness?
- 2 Jun — Is science inherently progressive?
- 3 Jun — Is abstraction superior to representation?
- 4 Jun — Is the universe deterministic?

- 5 Jun — Are intuitions reliable sources of knowledge?
- 6 Jun — Is punishment morally justified?
- 7 Jun — Should democracy be direct or representative?
- 8 Jun — Are thoughts private or socially influenced?
- 9 Jun — Can scientific objectivity be preserved?
- 10 Jun — Is beauty in the eye of the beholder?
- 11 Jun — Are there objective moral facts?
- 12 Jun — Does experience outweigh data?
- 13 Jun — Is genetic privacy a right?
- 14 Jun — Should governments restrict harmful speech?
- 15 Jun — Is the unconscious mind knowable?
- 16 Jun — Are scientific norms culturally relative?
- 17 Jun — Is performance art ephemeral or lasting?
- 18 Jun — Is nothingness possible?
- 19 Jun — Can truth be pragmatic?
- 20 Jun — Do we have obligations to non-human species?
- 21 Jun — Should political borders be porous?
- 22 Jun — Is memory reconstructive or preservative?
- 23 Jun — Is science value-free?
- 24 Jun — Does context determine meaning in art?
- 25 Jun — Is identity a narrative?
- 26 Jun — Can knowledge be purely probabilistic?
- 27 Jun — Is moral enhancement ethically required?
- 28 Jun — Should political power be decentralized?
- 29 Jun — Is perception direct or mediated?
- 30 Jun — Do anomalies refute theories or inspire revisions?

## JULY 2026

- 1 Jul — Is artistic genius a myth?
- 2 Jul — Are universals real?
- 3 Jul — Is testimony foundational to knowledge?
- 4 Jul — Are moral obligations culturally relative?
- 5 Jul — Should constitutions evolve or remain fixed?
- 6 Jul — Are emotions forms of knowledge?
- 7 Jul — Is scientific reductionism too limiting?
- 8 Jul — Does art require intention?
- 9 Jul — Are possibilities infinite?
- 10 Jul — Is doubt necessary for knowledge?
- 11 Jul — Should we prioritize present or future people?
- 12 Jul — Are rights natural or constructed?
- 13 Jul — Is the self transparent to itself?
- 14 Jul — Are predictions the main goal of science?
- 15 Jul — Is taste teachable?
- 16 Jul — Is personal identity an illusion?
- 17 Jul — Is perception a reliable source of knowledge?
- 18 Jul — Is pacifism morally superior to violence?
- 19 Jul — Should citizens have a right to internet access?
- 20 Jul — Is consciousness necessary for moral status?
- 21 Jul — Is scientific realism defensible?
- 22 Jul — Does art require originality?
- 23 Jul — Is time travel logically possible?
- 24 Jul — Does AI undermine traditional epistemology?
- 25 Jul — Are there moral obligations to oneself?
- 26 Jul — Should nations prioritize citizens or humanity?

27 Jul — Are beliefs voluntary?

28 Jul — Do paradigms shape scientific truth?

29 Jul — Does context create meaning in art?

30 Jul — Is space a relation or a substance?

31 Jul — Is skepticism self-defeating?

## AUGUST 2026

1 Aug — Should medical triage prioritize the young?

2 Aug — Is democracy the best system?

3 Aug — Can machines understand metaphors?

4 Aug — Do scientific theories converge on truth?

5 Aug — Is artistic skill necessary for art?

6 Aug — Are minds more than brains?

7 Aug — Can machines “know” things?

8 Aug — Is retributive justice moral?

9 Aug — Should citizenship require education?

10 Aug — Can consciousness be synthetic?

11 Aug — Are natural laws contingent?

12 Aug — Is art defined by culture?

13 Aug — Are events more fundamental than objects?

14 Aug — Is truth objective?

15 Aug — Is capital punishment moral?

16 Aug — Should corporations have political rights?

17 Aug — Is thinking necessarily linguistic?

18 Aug — Do scientific theories reflect reality?

19 Aug — Is beauty necessary for art?

20 Aug — Is free will compatible with determinism?

- 21 Aug — Is expert knowledge elite by nature?
- 22 Aug — Is veganism a moral obligation?
- 23 Aug — Should political systems protect minority rights?
- 24 Aug — Can a machine have a self?
- 25 Aug — Do scientific revolutions produce progress?
- 26 Aug — Can machines appreciate beauty?
- 27 Aug — Is the world fundamentally physical?
- 28 Aug — Is evidence always theory-dependent?
- 29 Aug — Is wealth redistribution moral?
- 30 Aug — Should voting be anonymous?
- 31 Aug — Is consciousness necessarily unified?

#### SEPTEMBER 2026

- 1 Sep — Is scientific realism justified?
- 2 Sep — Is photography an art?
- 3 Sep — Are identities stable or fluid?
- 4 Sep — Can knowledge be transferred without understanding?
- 5 Sep — Should medical care be free?
- 6 Sep — Should power be decentralized?
- 7 Sep — Do emotions require consciousness?
- 8 Sep — Can science study consciousness?
- 9 Sep — Does art require creativity?
- 10 Sep — Is causation fundamental?
- 11 Sep — Can beliefs be rational without evidence?
- 12 Sep — Is paternalism ever justified?
- 13 Sep — Should there be limits on free speech?
- 14 Sep — Can robots have emotions?

- 15 Sep — Are models representations or tools?
- 16 Sep — Does cultural background shape aesthetic judgment?
- 17 Sep — Is consciousness an emergent property?
- 18 Sep — Can we trust memories?
- 19 Sep — Is euthanasia moral?
- 20 Sep — Should voting require ID?
- 21 Sep — Is the mind a computer?
- 22 Sep — Should science pursue all knowledge?
- 23 Sep — Does art need meaning?
- 24 Sep — Is the future fixed?
- 25 Sep — Is knowledge justified true belief?
- 26 Sep — Should profit be limited?
- 27 Sep — Is capitalism ethical?
- 28 Sep — Is consciousness continuous?
- 29 Sep — Are scientific facts socially constructed?
- 30 Sep — Is taste subjective?

#### OCTOBER 2026

- 1 Oct — Are moral facts real?
- 2 Oct — Can testimony alone produce knowledge?
- 3 Oct — Is it wrong not to donate to charity?
- 4 Oct — Should voting be universal?
- 5 Oct — Are unconscious attitudes beliefs?
- 6 Oct — Is replication essential?
- 7 Oct — Does the artist's intention matter?
- 8 Oct — Is time real?
- 9 Oct — Can one know something unknowingly?

- 10 Oct — Is deception always wrong?
- 11 Oct — Is socialism viable?
- 12 Oct — Can machines think?
- 13 Oct — Is the scientific method universal?
- 14 Oct — Is modern art art?
- 15 Oct — Are persons physical or psychological?
- 16 Oct — Is perception belief-laden?
- 17 Oct — Should parents control children's digital lives?
- 18 Oct — Is democracy sufficient for justice?
- 19 Oct — Is introspection reliable?
- 20 Oct — Are natural laws eternal?
- 21 Oct — Is art defined by reception?
- 22 Oct — Do souls exist?
- 23 Oct — Is certainty possible?
- 24 Oct — Are we morally obligated to fight climate change?
- 25 Oct — Should political systems maximize happiness?
- 26 Oct — Is self-awareness necessary for personhood?
- 27 Oct — Are some sciences more fundamental?
- 28 Oct — Is beauty objective?
- 29 Oct — Are minds non-physical?
- 30 Oct — Is disagreement good for knowledge?
- 31 Oct — Is privacy a right?

#### NOVEMBER 2026

- 1 Nov — Should surveillance be limited?
- 2 Nov — Are sensations private?
- 3 Nov — Is scientific progress inevitable?

- 4 Nov — Is art inherently valuable?
- 5 Nov — Are wholes more than their parts?
- 6 Nov — Are intuitions knowledge?
- 7 Nov — Should we aim for a post-work society?
- 8 Nov — Is nationalism justified?
- 9 Nov — Is consciousness socially constructed?
- 10 Nov — Are explanations necessary for science?
- 11 Nov — Can machines produce meaningful art?
- 12 Nov — Are numbers invented or discovered?
- 13 Nov — Does more information create better knowledge?
- 14 Nov — Is surveillance ethical?
- 15 Nov — Should political offices be randomly assigned?
- 16 Nov — Is pain subjective?
- 17 Nov — Is science the best way to understand reality?
- 18 Nov — Is beauty timeless?
- 19 Nov — Is the universe fundamentally mathematical?