



Topic I

“Someone who lies and someone who tells the truth are playing on opposite sides, so to speak, in the same game. Each responds to the facts as he understands them, although the response of the one is guided by the authority of the truth, while the response of the other defies that authority and refuses to meet its demands. The bullshitter ignores these demands altogether. He does not reject the authority of the truth, as the liar does, and oppose himself to it. He pays no attention to it at all. By virtue of this, bullshit is a greater enemy of the truth than lies are.”

—Harry G. Frankfurt (2005). *On Bullshit*. Princeton University Press, 2025, p. 60-61.

Topic II

“I learned that if I didn’t define myself for myself, I would be crunched into other people’s fantasies for me and eaten alive.”

—Audre Lorde (1982). Learning from the 60s. Talk delivered at the Malcom X Weekend, Harvard University. In: *Sister Outsider*, Penguin Books, 2019, p. 132.

Topic III

“If we take in our hand any volume—of divinity or school metaphysics, for instance—let us ask, *Does it contain any abstract reasoning concerning quantity or number?* No. *Does it contain any experimental reasoning concerning matter of fact and existence?* No. Commit it then to the flames, for it can contain nothing but sophistry and illusion.”

—David Hume (1748). *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, section 12, part 3. In: Antony Flew (ed.), *David Hume on Human Nature and the Understanding*, Collier Books, 1962, p. 163.

Topic IV

“Nowadays one can purchase vegan shoes or clothes; soon there will probably be vegan smartphones too. Neoliberalism often makes use of morality for its own ends. Moral values are consumed as marks of distinction. [...] They increase our narcissistic self-respect.”

—Byung-Chul Han (2020). *The Disappearance of Rituals*. Polity Press, p. 5.