

ARTS FOUNDATION COURSE

Television programme synopsis

Course Unit 26

Descartes: The Father of Modern Philosophy

Title of TV programme

Action: A Philosophical Discussion  
(black and white videotape)

Synopsis

This programme is similar to the television programme in Unit 25 and those taking part are Professor Vesey and the same group of students. It is a spontaneous philosophical discussion about the meaning of "action". It includes studio demonstrations and demands audience participation.

It is also closely related to the correspondence material but will stand by itself. This is suitable for beginners in philosophy and for those students in sixth forms and in universities who would like to have some idea of what philosophy is all about.

Production by Mary Hoskins.

Title : Descartes II: Action

Contributors : Godfrey Vesey.

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Seq.	Time	Digital Count	Sequence List	Sound Cue
1.	0.59	27	Godfrey outlines the programme as being about action and introduces the students who will be discussing the concept.	... action with me
2.	3.03	79	Godfrey Vesey demonstrates two arm movements, the first hand rotation, arm outstretched horizontally, the second rotation of the arm from the shoulder, arm outstretched horizontally. The student's describe the movement and perform them..	Now I am ..... ... that's fine.
3.	5.30	136	Godfrey Vesey demonstrates further arm action, with arm outstretched horizontally and the wand motionless parallel with floor, the elbow is rotated though 90°. The student asked to imitate the action and fails.  Vesey asks for the student's reasons for this failure to be noted down.	O.K. Now the ....  make that movement
4.	15.02	321	Discussion of answers for student failing to perform the arm movement satisfactory.	O.K. Now let's .... ... Looking for concentration.
5.	20.08	397	Vesey brings answers round to 'will' and introduces 'Match-box willing experiment'. Discussion of what 'willing' means.	Let's try a ..... ... simply saying yes.
6.	23.46	447	Godfrey Vesey summarises relevance of the experiments to Descartes and points up the object of the programmes which was to give some reasons for doubting <u>Descartes</u> 'volition theory of action'	O.K. what was .....  ... of that theory 152.3 194
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