Ofra Magidor General Philosophy, MT07

Analysis of Knowledge Part II: amendments to the standard account

I. Reading

(A) Primary Readings

Read at least one out of the first two paper (Armstrong and Goldman), and the third paper (Bonjour).

- Armstrong, D., 'The Thermometer Model of Knowledge', in Bernecker, S., and Dretske, F. (eds.). *Knowledge: Readings in Contemporary Epistemology* OUP (2000), pp.72-85.
- Goldman, A., 'A Causal Theory of Knowing', *Journal of Philosophy* 64 (1967), pp.357-372. Reprinted Bernecker and Dretske (eds.).
- BonJour, L., 'Externalist Theories of Empirical Knowledge', *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 5 (1980), pp.53-73. Reprinted Bernecker and Dretske (eds.).

Additional Optional readings:

• Any of the papers in part I or II of Bernecker, S., and Dretske, F. (eds.). *Knowledge: Readings in Contemporary Epistemology* OUP (2000).

(B) Background readings

(optional but helpful)

• Steup, M., 'The Analysis of Knowledge', The Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy.

II. Writing

Write an essay discussing the following issues:

What is the main difference between *externalist* account of knowledge, such as those proposed by Goldman or Armstrong, and *internalist* accounts such as that defended by Bonjour? How do the two approaches to knowledge relate to the standard JTB account of knowledge? How do they attempt to address the problems with the JTB account? Do they do so successfully?