

Knowledge and Reality  
**A Priori Knowledge**

**Primary Readings**

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**Background Readings:**

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**Questions:**

- (1) Is there a tenable way to draw the distinction between a priori and a posteriori knowledge?
- (2) Do we have any a priori knowledge?