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Group #1 (169–170) What is the "Thank Goodness That's Over" Argument

First, explain the difference between A facts and B facts. Second, review the following argument, illustrate this argument with a diagram on the board.

	THE "THANK GOODNESS THAT'S OVER" ARGUMENT		
1	The phrase "thank goodness that's over," is meaningful if and only if there are A facts.		
2	The phrase "thank goodness that's over" is meaningful.		
3	Therefore, there are A facts.		

Next, how do A theorists and B theorists paraphrase the phrase "thank goodness that's over"

A-explanation	
B-explanation	

Finally, explain the rationale behind premise (1). In other words, explain the rationale behind preferring the A-explanation

Group #2 (170–173) What is 3D and 4D?

Explain four dimensionalism (4D) and three dimensionalism (3D). According to 4D, how are objects characterized? If you can, come up with a diagram of what an object looks like. How does 4D characterize a single person?

	4D	3D
temporal parts?		
personal identity through time?		

How does the 4D respond to the "Thank Goodness That's Over" Argument (see above)? Which premise does a 4D reject and why?

Group #3 (173–175) What is Lewis's Argument from Temporary Intrinsics?

Explain the difference between an intrinsic property and an extrinsic property? Next, what is a temporary intrinsic property? Illustrate a temporary intrinsic property with a diagram at the board. What is the problem for temporary intrinsic and what are David Lewis's three possible solutions? Which one does he decide upon?