

Socrates' Fundamental Principles from Plato's *Crito*¹

- **P1**: We must always act on the basis of good reasons and good reasoning, not out of fear, mere self-interest, etc.
 - **P1(a)**: We value the opinions of those who know, not the many (*hoi polloi*).
 - **P1(b)**: The principles on which we rely must stand the tests of time and change of circumstances, and the conclusions we draw from them must be ones to which we can be constantly faithful.
- **P2**: It is not enough to live; we must live well, i.e. nobly and justly.
- **P3**: We must never do wrong willingly, even in requital.
- **P4**: We must always keep our agreements, provided they are just.

¹ From R.E. Walton's "Socrates' Fundamental Principles in the *Crito*", Professor of Philosophy, U. Montana.