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The Intelligent Brain

3 Discs

Plunge into a myriad of thought-provoking issues with a pioneer professor and researcher in psychology to better understand what intelligence is and how it works.

Professor Richard J. Haier

Ph.D. University of California Irvine

1. What is Intelligence?
2. Assessing Intelligence
3. General Intelligence in Everyday Life
4. To *g* or Not to *g* -Is That the Question?
5. Intelligence and Genius over the Life Span
6. Early Childhood Experience and Intelligence
7. Genes and Intelligence
8. Can We See Intelligence in the Brain?
9. What Brain Imaging Reveals about Intelligence
10. Intelligence and the Brains of Children
11. Sex and Intelligence
12. Race and Intelligence
13. Are We Really Getting Smarter?
14. The Mind in Milliseconds
15. Creativity and Intelligence
16. Can Intelligence Be Enhanced?
17. Intelligence, Child Rearing, and Education
18. The IQ Pill

Introduction to the Study of Religion

12 Discs

Religion undoubtedly plays an important part in the lives of people around the world. As Professor Charles B. Jones notes, many people "would say [religion] is the most important part" of their lives and participate in the practices of their faith as a means of deepening their commitment to and understanding of the world around them.

Professor Charles B. Jones

Ph.D. The Catholic University of America

1. Understanding "Religion"
2. Theology and Religious Studies part Ways
3. A Clean Break-David Hume
4. Auguste Comte-Religion, False but Necessary
5. Karl Marx-Religion as Oppression
6. Emile Durkheim-Society's Mirror
7. Weber-The Motor of Economics
8. Peter Berger-The Sacred Canopy
9. Rodney Stark-Rational Choice Theory
10. William James-The Description of Religion
11. Sigmund Freud-The Critique of Religion
12. Carl Jung-The Celebration of Religion
13. Brief Excursus on Immanuel Kant
14. The Victorians and *The Golden Bough*
15. British Functionalism
16. Symbolic Anthropology-Ferdinand de Saussure
17. Symbolic Anthropology-Claude Levi-Strauss
18. Symbolic Anthropology-Clifford Geertz
19. From Fries to Otto
20. Mircea Eliade
21. The Women's Studies Perspective
22. Theory versus Reality-Case Studies
23. Theory in Action-Case Studies
24. How Religion Uses Religious Studies

Myths, Lies, and Half-Truths of Language Usage

12 Discs

Taught by acclaimed linguist, author, and Professor, this course dispels the cloud of confusion that clings to English, giving you a crystal-clear view of why we use it the way we do and where it fits into the diverse languages of the world.

Professor John McWhorter

Ph.D. Columbia University

1. Alarm over the Decay of English
2. Surprises in the Ancestry of Old English
3. Not Exactly Anglo-Saxon
4. Don't Forget the Celtic Connection
5. From Insider Language to Lingua Francs
- 6 English as Easy German
7. The Viking Conquest of English
8. How the Words of Modern English Emerged
9. Black English-The Streamlining Continues
10. Honored Conceits of Blackboard Grammar
11. Pronoun Fashions Come and Go
12. Wrong Then, Proper Now-and Vice Versa
13. A Procession of Accidents and Fossils
14. The Pursuit of Logic in Language
15. Clarity as the Logic of Language
16. 20th-Century Fashions from Strunk & White
17. The Kinds of Grammar You Don't Hear About
18. Linguists Uncovering Grammar We All Use
19. Speech versus Writing-Different Languages
20. Speechmaking-From Oratory to Plain Speaking
21. The Old and Newe Styles of Writing
22. Got Poetry? Language with Spice
23. Why Texting is Misunderstood
24. The Living Past and Future of English

My Favorite Universe

2 Discs

Let Neil deGrasse Tyson take you on a journey around the Universe and explore mind-bending concepts such as black holes, extraterrestrials, and the Big Bang.

Neil deGrasse Tyson

Ph.D. Hayden Planetarium

1. On Being Round
2. On Being Rarefied
3. On Being Dense
4. Death by Black Hole
5. Ends of the World
6. Coming Attractions
7. Onward to the Edge
8. In Defense of the Big Bang
9. The Greatest Story Ever Told
10. Forged in the Stars
11. The Search for Planets
12. The Search for Life in the Universe

Dark Matter, Dark Energy: The Dark Side of the Universe

Parts 1&2

4 Discs

Examine the key concepts of an expanding universe from Albert Einstein to Edwin Hubble, led by a theoretical physicist.

Professor Sean Carroll

Ph.D. California Institute of Technology

1. Fundamental Building Blocks
2. The Smooth, Expanding Universe
3. Space, Time, and Gravity
4. Cosmology in Einstein's Universe
5. Galaxies and Clusters
6. Gravitational Lensing
7. Atoms and Particles
8. The Standard Model of Particle Physics
9. Relic Particles from the Big Bang
10. Primordial Nucleosynthesis
11. The Cosmic Microwave Background
12. Dark Stars and Black Holes
13. WIMPs and Supersymmetry
14. The Accelerating Universe
15. The Geometry of Space
16. Smooth Tension and Acceleration
17. Vacuum Energy
18. Quintessence
19. Was Einstein Right?
20. Inflation
21. Strings and Extra Dimensions
22. Beyond the Observable Universe
23. Future Experiments
24. The Past and Future of the Dark Side

Change and Motion: Calculus Made Clear

2nd Edition Parts 1 & 2

4 Discs

Conquer calculus-one of the most powerful and useful of all mathematical skills-with this simple and brilliant guide taught by an award-winning mathematician.

Professor Michael Starbird

Ph.D. The University of Texas at Austin

1. Two Ideas, Vast Implications
2. Stop Sign Crime-The Derivative
3. Another Car, Another Crime-The Integral
4. The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
5. Visualizing the Derivative-Slopes
6. Derivatives the Easy Way-Symbol Pushing
7. Abstracting the Derivative-Circles and Belts
8. Circles, Pyramids, Cones, and Spheres
9. Archimedes and the Tractrix
10. The Integral and the Fundamental Theorem
11. Abstracting the Integral-Pyramids and Dams
12. Buffon's Needle or p from Breadsticks
13. Achilles, Tortoises, Limits, and Continuity
14. Calculators and Approximations
15. The Best of All Possible Worlds-Optimization
16. Economics and Architecture
17. Galileo, Newton, and Baseball
18. Getting off the Line-Motion in Space
19. Mountain Slopes and Tangent Planes
20. Several Variables-Volumes Galore
21. The Fundamental Theorem Extended
22. Fields of Arrows-Differential Equations
23. Owls, Rats, Waves, and Guitars
24. Calculus Everywhere

Cosmology: The History and Nature of Our Universe

Parts 1-3

6 Discs

Evidence for the birth of the universe is raining down on you. It's called the cosmic microwave background, and it's had quite a journey. Born in the stupendous annihilation of matter and antimatter seconds after the big bang, trapped in the hot plasma of the expanding universe for 380,000 years, and then suddenly released when the universe cooled to the point that atoms could form, this echo of creation has been on an uninterrupted voyage through space for 13.7 billion years—until it reached you. The cosmic microwave background is just one of the many clues about the history and nature of our universe that make the science of cosmology a wondrous, fascinating, and philosophically profound field of study.

Professor Mark Whittle

Ph.D. University of Virginia

1. The Journey Ahead
2. Denizens of the Universe
3. Overall Cosmic Properties
4. The Stuff of the Universe
5. The Sweep of Cosmic History
6. Measuring Distances
7. Expansion and Age
8. Distances, Appearances, and Horizons
9. Dark Matter and Dark Energy-96%!
10. Cosmic Geometry-Triangles in the Sky
11. Cosmic Expansion-Keeping Track of Energy
12. Cosmic Acceleration-Falling Outward
13. The Cosmic Microwave Background
14. Conditions during the First Million Years
15. Primordial Sound-Big Bang Acoustics
16. Using Sound as Cosmic Diagnostic
17. Primordial Roughness-Seeding Structure
18. The Dark Age-From Sound to the First Stars
19. Infant Galaxies
20. From Child to Maturity-Galaxy Evolution
21. Giant Black Holes-Construction and Carnage
22. The Galaxy Web-A Relic of Primordial Sound
23. Atom Factories-Stellar Interiors
24. Understanding Element Abundances
25. Light Elements-Made in the Big Bang
26. Putting It Together-The Concordance Model
27. Physics at Ultrahigh Temperatures
28. Back to a Microsecond-The Particle Cascade
29. Back to the GUT-Matter and Forces Emerge
30. Puzzling Problems Remain
31. Inflation Provides the Solution
32. The Quantum Origin of All Structure
33. Inflation's Stunning Creativity
34. Fine Tuning and Anthropic Arguments
35. What's Next for Cosmology?
36. A Comprehensible Universe?

Life Lessons from the Great Myths

(Lectures 1-12)

18 Discs

Hector and Achilles clash on the battlefields of Troy. Arthur discovers a magical sword and becomes a powerful British king. Jesse James pulls off daring crimes across the American frontier. Myths and stories such as these have captivated billions of people throughout human history. But these and other moments are more than just mere entertainment; they also serve a more important purpose.

Professor J. Rufus Fears

Ph.D. University of Oklahoma

1. Heroes, History, and Myth
2. The Myth of Troy
3. Homer and Mythology
4. In Search of Historical Troy
5. Life Lessons from the Trojan War
6. Jason and the Golden Fleece
7. Theseus and the Minotaur
8. Myth and Athenian Drama
9. Fate and Free Will in Mythology
10. Atlantis-Fact or Fiction?
11. *The Epic of Gilgamesh*
12. Gilgamesh and History
13. The Book of Genesis
14. Exodus-The Foundation of the Jewish People
15. The Historical Power of Biblical Stories
16. Aeneas-Rome's National Hero
17. Romulus-The Founder of Rome
18. Lays of Ancient Rome
19. Alexander of the Great in History
20. Alexander of the Great in Romance
21. *Beowulf*-Historical Roots and Heroic Values
22. King Arthur-Fact or Fiction?
23. In Search of the Holy Grail
24. Vikings in America?
25. Vergil the Magician
26. The Battle of Kosovo
27. Julius Caesar in History
28. Napoleon and the Mantle of Caesar
29. Arminius and German Mythology
30. Teuton versus Roman
31. Davy Crockett and the Myth of the Frontier
32. The Alamo
33. Jesse James and the Myth of the Outlaw
34. General Custer-Hero or Villain?
35. Reagan, Hollywood, and American Ideals
36. Mythology as a Path to Wisdom

Nature of Earth: Geology

6 Discs

Get a brilliant introduction into a truly fascinating and relevant topic in this course that teaches you the fundamentals of geology.

Professor John J. Renton

Ph.D. West Virginia University

1. Origin of the Universe
2. Origin of the Solar System
3. Continental Drift
4. Plate Tectonics
5. The Formation of Minerals
6. Classification of Minerals
7. The identification of Minerals
8. Kinds of Rocks
9. Sedimentary Rocks
10. Metamorphic Rocks
11. Volcanic Activity
12. Phases of Volcanic Activity
13. The Hawaiian Islands and Yellowstone Park
14. Mass Wasting-Gravity at Work
15. Mass Wasting Processes
16. Weathering
17. Soils and the Clay Minerals
18. Climate and the Type of Soils
19. Streams-The Major Agent of Erosion
20. Sculpting of the Landscape
21. Stream Erosion in Arid Regions
22. Ice Sculpts the Final Scene
23. Groundwater
24. The Production of Groundwater
25. Karst Topography
26. Groundwater Contamination
27. Rock Deformation
28. The Geologic Structures
29. Faults and Joints
30. Earthquakes
31. Damage from Earthquakes
32. Seismology
33. The Formation of Mountains
34. Orogenic Styles
35. Economic Geology of Coal
36. Economic Geology of Petroleum

America and the New Global Economy

Parts 1-3

18 Discs

Discover how the world economy has changed in the last 50 years with this course that explains how the economies of each major region of the world have developed.

Professor Timothy Taylor

M. Econ. Macalester College

1. The World Economy since 1950
2. The U.S. in the World Economy-1960 to 1995
3. The U.S. Economy Resurgent?
4. Europe-From Catch--Up to Jobless Growth
5. The Single European Market
6. The Rise of the Euro
7. The Economy of the Soviet Union
8. Transitions from Communism to Markets
9. Japan's Economic Miracle
10. When Japan's Bubble Economy Burst
11. Government versus Market in East Asia
12. East Asia's Tigers-Restore the Roar?
13. China's Gradualist Economic Reforms
14. China's Challenges for Continued Growth
15. India and the License Raj
16. India's Turn toward Market Economics
17. Inherited Institutions in the Middle East
18. The Curse of Oil Wealth in the Middle East
19. Africa's Geography and History
20. Time for Optimism on Africa?
21. Latin America and Import Substitution
22. Markets or Populism in Latin America?
23. Globalization in Goods and Services
24. Globalization in Capital Flows
25. The Foreign Exchange Market
26. Migration-Senders and Recipients
27. Global Population Growth
28. World Poverty-Growth or Redistribution?
29. Global Food Markets-The Supply-Demand Race
30. An Urbanizing World
31. Women in the Global Economy
32. Improving Governance, Fighting Corruption
33. Foreign Aid-Promises and Limits
34. The ultilaterals-World Bank, IMF, WTO
35. The Economics of Global Climate Change
36. Globalization and Convergence

Biological Anthropology: An Evolutionary Perspective

Parts 1 & 2

12 Discs

Take a glimpse into our selected primate heritage to understand the forces that continue to shape us.

Professor Barbara J. King

Ph.D. The College of William and Mary

1. What is Biological Anthropology?
2. How Evolution Works
3. The Debate Over Evolution
4. Matter Arising-New Species
5. Prosimians, Monkeys, and Apes
6. Monkey and Ape Social Behavior
7. The Mind of the Great Ape
8. Models for Human Ancestors?
9. Introducing the Hominids
10. Lucy and Company
11. Stones and Bones
12. Out of Africa
13. Who Were the Neandertals?
14. Did Hunting Make Us Human?
15. The Prehistory of Gender
16. Modern Human Anatomy and Behavior
17. On the Origins of *Homo Sapiens*
18. Language
19. Do Human Races Exist?
20. Modern Human Variation
21. Body Fat, Diet, and Obesity
22. The Body and Mind Evolving
23. Tyranny of the Gene?
24. Evolution and Our Future

Origins of Life

4 Discs

Four billion years ago, the infant Earth was a seething cauldron of erupting volcanoes, raining meteors, and hot noxious gases, totally devoid of life. But a relatively short time later—100 to 200 million years—the planet was teeming with primitive organisms. What happened?

Professor Robert M. Hazen

Ph.D. George Mason University

1. The Grand Question of Life's Origins
2. The Historical Setting of Origins Research
3. What Is Life?
4. Is There Life on Mars?
5. Earth's Oldest Fossils
6. Fossil Isotopes
7. Molecular Biosignatures
8. Emergence
9. The Miller-Urey Experiment
10. Life from the Bottom of the Sea
11. The Deep, Hot Biosphere
12. Experiments at High Pressure
13. More Experiments Under Pressure
14. Deep Space Dust, Molten Rock, and Zeolite
15. Macromolecules and the Tree of Life
16. Lipids and Membrane Self-Organization
17. Life on Clay, Clay as Life
18. Life's Curious Handedness
19. Self-Replacating Molecular Systems
20. Günter Wächtershäuser's Grand Hypothesis
21. The RNA World
22. The Pre-RNA World
23. Natural Selection and Competition
24. Three Scenarios for the Origin of Life

The Physics of History

4 Discs

The Physics of History, taught by award-winning Professor David J. Helfand of Columbia University, gives you the background to understand how scientists know what they do about the past. These 24 richly illustrated lectures cover an astonishing range of cases in which physics has helped to redefine history—in astronomy, archaeology, geology, climatology, art history, and other fields.

Professor David J. Helfand

Ph.D. Columbia University

1. The Vast Reaches of Time and Space
2. Fundamentally, What's the World Made Of?
3. Energy in the Atomic World
4. The Atomic Basis of the Senses
5. Radioactivity-Nature's Imperturbable Clock
6. From Detecting Forgeries to the First Art
7. Watching Plaster Dry-And Dating It
8. We Are What We Eat-The History of Diet
9. A Plant Is What It Eats-Tracing Agriculture
10. Tree Rings-Seasons of the Past 12,000 Years
11. Ice Cores-Climate Records for 800 Millennia
12. Ocean Sediments Reveal 5 Million Years
13. A Bad Day in June-Death of the Dinosaurs
14. The Origin and Early History of Life
15. The History of Earth's Atmosphere
16. The Age of the Solar System
17. What Happened before the Sun Was Born?
18. Atoms Are Star Stuff-Cooking Up Carbon
19. The Lives of Big Stars-Cooking Up Big Atoms
20. Relativity-Space and Time Become Spacetime
21. (Almost) Everything is Relative
22. Matter Vanishes; Light Speed Is Breached?
23. The Limits of Vision-13.7 Billion Years Ago
24. The First Few Minutes-Where It All Began

The Skeptic's Guide to American History

12 Discs

An award-winning scholar and professor examines commonly held myths and half-truths about American history and invites you to think about what really happened in the nation's past--as opposed to what many believe happened.

Professor Mark A. Stoler

Ph.D. The University of Vermont

1. Religious Toleration in Colonial America?
2. Neither American nor Revolutionary?
3. The Constitution Did Not Create a Democracy
4. Washington-Failures and Real Accomplishments
5. Confusions about Jefferson and Hamilton
6. Andrew Jackson-An Odd Symbol of Democracy
7. The Second Great Awakening-Enduring Impacts
8. Did Slavery Really Cause the Civil War?
9. The Civil War's Actual Turning Points
10. The Myth of Laissez-Faire
11. Misconceptions about the Original Populists
12. Labor in America-A Strange History
13. Myths about American Isolation and Empire
14. Early Progressives Were Not Liberals
15. Woodrow Wilson and the Rating of Presidents
16. The Roaring Twenties Reconsidered
17. Hoover and the Great Depression Revisited
18. What Did Roosevelt's New Deal Really Do?
19. World War II Misconceptions and Myths
20. Was the Cold War Inevitable?
21. The Real Blunders of the Vietnam War
22. Myths about American Wars
23. Who Matters in American History?
24. History Did Not Begin with Us

Sensation, Perception & the Aging Process

12 Discs

Why is it that we react to the world the way we do, not only in similar ways—turning our heads in the direction of a tap on the shoulder or a sudden movement in our peripheral vision, for example—but often in dramatically different ways as well?

Professor Francis B. Colavita

Ph.D. University of Pittsburgh

1. Sensation, Perception, and Behavior
2. Sensation and Perception-A Distinction
3. Vision-Stimulus and the Optical System
4. Vision-The Retina
5. Vision-Beyond the Optic Nerve
6. Vision-Age-Related Changes
7. Hearing-Stimulus and Supporting Structures
8. Hearing-The Inner Ear
9. Hearing-Age Related Changes
10. The Cutaneous System-Receptors, Pathways
11. The Cutaneous System-Early Development
12. The Cutaneous System-Age-Related Changes
13. Pain-Early History
14. Pain-Acupuncture, Endorphins, and Aging
15. Taste-Stimulus, Structures, and Receptors
16. Taste-Factors Influencing Preferences
17. Smell-The Unappreciated Sense
18. Smell-Consequences of Anosmia
19. The Vestibular System-Body Orientation
20. The Kinesthetic Sense-Motor Memory
21. Brain Mechanisms and Perception
22. Perception of Language
23. The Visual Agnosias
24. Perception of Other People/Course Summary

Understanding the Brain

6 Discs

Go inside the most astonishingly complex organ that has ever existed and learn how it works in this engrossing and surprising course on the human brain.

Professor Jeanette Norden

Ph.D. Vanderbilt University

1. Historical Underpinnings of Neuroscience
2. Central Nervous System-Gross Organization
3. Central Nervous System-Internal Organization
4. Central Nervous System-Subdivisions
5. Cortex-Lobes and Areas
6. Cortex-Sensory, Motor, and Association
7. Central Nervous System-Development
8. Central Nervous System-Cellular Organization
9. Pathways and Synapses
10. Neurotransmitters
11. Stroke
12. The Visual System-The Eye
13. The Visual System-The Cortex
14. The Auditory System
15. The Somatosensory System
16. Agnosias
17. The Motor System-Voluntary Movement
18. The Motor System-Coordinated Movement
19. Parkinson's Disease
20. Language
21. The Limbic System-Anatomy
22. The Limbic System-Biochemistry
23. Depression
24. The Reward System-Anatomy
25. The Reward System-Drugs
26. Brain Plasticity
27. Emotion and Executive Function
28. Processing of Negative Emotions-Fear
29. Music and the Brain
30. Sexual Dimorphism of the Brain
31. Sleep and Dreaming
32. Consciousness and the Self
33. Alzheimer's Disease
34. Risk Factors for Alzheimer's Disease
35. Wellness and the Brain-Effects of Stress
36. Neuroscience-Looking Back and Looking Ahead

Understanding Mysteries of Human Behavior

12 Discs

Scientific mysteries are everywhere around you. At the bottom of the deepest oceans. On the frontiers of the known universe. But some of life's greatest scientific mysteries lie much closer than that: inside the recesses of the human mind.

Professor Mark Leary

Ph.D. Duke University

1. Solving Psychological Mysteries
2. How Did Human Nature Evolve?
3. Where Do People's Personalities Come From?
4. How Can Siblings Be So Different?
5. Why Do People Need Self-Esteem - Or Do They?
6. Why Do We Have Emotions?
7. What Makes People Happy?
8. Why Are So Many People So Stressed Out?
9. Why Do Hurt Feelings Hurt?
10. Why Do We Make Mountains out of Molehills?
11. Why is Self-Control So Hard?
12. Why Do We Forget?
13. Can Subliminal Messages Affect Behavior?
14. Why Do We Dream?
15. Why Are People So Full of Themselves?
16. Do People Have Psychic Abilities?
17. Why Don't Adolescents Behave like Adults?
18. How Much Do Men and Women Really Differ?
19. Why Do We Care What Others Think of Us?
20. Why Are Prejudice and Conflict So Common?
21. Why Do People Fall In-and Out of Love?
22. What Makes Relationships Succeed or Fail?
23. Why Do People Blush?
24. A Few Mysteries We Can't Explain Yet

The Other Side of History: Daily Life in the Ancient World

24 Discs

Discover the breadth and depth of human history from the perspective of the so-called ordinary people, from its earliest beginnings through the Middle Ages.

Professor Robert Garland

Ph.D. Colgate University

1. Taking on the Other Side of History
2. Being Paleolithic
3. Living in Mesopotamia
4. Being Egyptian
5. Belonging to an Egyptian Family
6. Practicing Egyptian Religion
7. Being a Dead Egyptian
8. Being an Egyptian Worker
9. Being Minoan and Mycenaean
10. Being Greek
11. Growing up Greek
12. Being a Greek Slave
13. Being a Greek Soldier or Sailor
14. Being a Greek Woman
15. Relaxing Greek Style
16. Being a Greek Refugee
17. Being a Sick or Disabled Greek
18. Practicing Greek Religion
19. Being an Old Greek
20. Being a Dead Greek
21. Being Persian
22. Living in Hellenistic Egypt
23. Being Roman
24. Being a Roman Slave
25. Being a Roman Soldier
26. Being a Roman Woman
27. Being a Poor Roman
28. Being a Rich Roman
29. Being a Roman Celebrity
30. Being a Roman Criminal
31. Relaxing Roman Style
32. Practicing Roman Religion
33. Being Jewish under Roman Rule
34. Being Christian under Roman Rule
35. Being a Celt in Ancient Britain
36. Being a Roman Briton
37. Being Anglo-Saxon
38. Being a Viking Raider
39. Living Under Norman Rule
40. Being Medieval
41. Being Poor in the Middle Ages
42. Being a Medieval Woman
43. Being a Medieval Christian or Heretic
44. Being a Medieval Knight
45. Being a Crusader
46. Being a Pilgrim
47. Relaxing Medieval Style
48. Daily Life Matters

Understand Great Music Performances

3rd Edition parts 1-6

12 Discs

Forever change the way you listen to music with this outstanding course that explores the history, composition, and sublime accomplishments of Western concert music.

Professor Robert Greenberg

Ph.D. San Francisco

1. Music as a Mirror
2. Sources-The Ancient World and the Early Church
3. The Middle Ages
4. Introduction to the Renaissance
5. The Renaissance Mass
6. The Madrigal
7. Introduction to the Baroque
8. Style Features of Baroque-era Music
9. National Styles-Italy and Germany
10. Fugue
11. Baroque Opera, Part 1
12. Baroque Opera, Part 2
13. The Oratorio
14. The Lutheran Church Cantata
15. Passacaglia
16. Ritornello Form and the Baroque Concerto
17. The Enlightenment and an Introduction to the Classical Era
18. The Viennese Classical Style, Homophony, and Cadence
19. Classical-era Form-Theme and Variations
20. Classical-era Form-Minuet and Trio: Baroque Antecedents
21. Classical-era Form-Minuet and Trio Form
22. Classical-era Form-Rondo Form
23. Classical-era Form-Sonata Form, Part 1
24. Classical-era Form-Sonata Form, Part 2
25. Classical-era Form-Sonata Form, Part 3
26. The Symphony-Music for Every Person
27. The Solo Concerto
28. Classical-era Opera-The Rise of Opera Buffa
29. Classical-era Opera, Part 2-Mozart and the Operatic Ensemble
30. The French Revolution and an Introduction to Beethoven
31. Beethoven's Symphony no. 5 in C Minor, op. 67, Part 1
32. Beethoven's Symphony no. 5 in C Minor, op. 67, Part 2
33. Introduction to Romanticism
34. Formal Challenges and Solutions in Early Romantic Music
35. The Program Symphony-Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique*, Part 1
36. The Program Symphony-Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique*, Part 2
37. 19th Century Italian Opera-*Bel Canto Opera*
38. 19th Century Italian Opera-Giuseppe Verdi
39. 19th Century German Opera-Nationalism and Experimentation
40. 19th Century German Opera-Richard Wagner
41. The Concert Overture, Part 1
42. The Concert Overture, Part 2
43. Romantic-era Musical Nationalism
44. Russian Nationalism
45. An Introduction to Early 20th Century Modernism
46. Early 20th Century Modernism-Claude Debussy
47. Early 20th Century Modernism-Igor Stravinsky
48. Early 20th Century Modernism-Aronold Schonberg

Understanding the Universe:

Astronomy

16 Discs

Get a comprehensive overview of the grandest of all subjects-the universe-in this brilliant and fascinating course taught by one of America's foremost astronomers.

Professor Alex Filippenko

Ph.D. University of California Berkeley

1. A Grand Tour of the Cosmos
2. The Rainbow Connection
3. Sunrise, Sunset
4. Bright Objects in the Night Sky
5. Fainter Phenomena in the Night Sky
6. Our Sky through Binoculars and Telescopes
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