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Should We Believe the Sun Will Rise Tomorrow? A New Take on Hume's Skepticism

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Free Public Lecture, Speaker: Michael Robert Caditz

David Hume radically questioned some of our most basic assumptions. Through influential arguments, he denied we have justification for causal relations or predictions about the future based on the past, e.g., that the sun will rise tomorrow. But did he claim that there is *no justification at all* for such beliefs, or rather, no *logically-based* justification? While many think he went for the former wholesale denial of justification, new readings of Hume suggest his skepticism is overstated.

Michael Robert Caditz is a recent graduate of the new Philosophy Honours Program at VIU. His areas of interest are varied and include Humean scholarship, philosophy of mind, ethics, and epistemology. Demonstrating a true love of philosophy, Michael Robert Caditz has given several philosophy talks at conferences, and has spear-headed and hosted "Spring Forward," a philosophy talk show on CHLY Radio. In his recreational time, he pursues health and fitness while contemplating the meaning of life.



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