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John Cottingham is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Reading and an Honorary Fellow of St John's College, Oxford. His main research areas include philosophy of religion, moral philosophy, and early-modern philosophy. He is perhaps best known for his translation and commentary of René Descartes – in particular as co-editor and translator of the three-volume standard Cambridge edition of The Philosophical Writings of Descartes.

In our conversation, we talk about his early training in Latin and Greek, his experiences with all aspects of student life at Oxford in the 60s and the seminal figures during those days (in particular Anthony Kenny and Bernard Williams), the differences between philosophy then and now, and his increasing emphasis on the importance of spirituality.

Background Information and links related to this episode:

- As always, you will get most out of this episode if you at least know a little bit about Cottinhgam. For starters, have a look at his Wikipedia entry and personal home page.
- John Cottingham on Scientific Rationality and Human Understanding:

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