What is Philosophy?

Philosophy is clarity and exact thinking (Russell).
Wisdom is to know that you do not know (Plato). Absurdity is one of the most human things about us: a manifestation of our most advanced and interesting characteristics (Nagel). Philosophy is a chronic, life-long, probably incurable condition (Battin). I seek wisdom not in abstraction but in lives fleshed out in the world (Card). A smile has an inestimable philosophical significance; to smile is to be released from oneself (Murungi). From the knowledge of the genuine conditions of our life we must draw our strength to live and our reason for acting (Beauvoir).