

PHIL 202
PHILOSOPHY AND MODERN MIND
Summer 2008

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Requirements for a grade: Regular attendance; three papers (about two pages, double-spaced) (10%, 10% and 20% respectively); two exams (30% each). Papers are due on June 23rd, July 7th and July 14th. The first exam is on July 2nd, the second one on the final exam period. Paper topics will be assigned in due time. Another important requirement is that you read the assigned texts before the meetings, and participate in class discussions. As the summer course is an intensive one, it is absolutely crucial for you to keep up with the pace of the readings and discussions.

Academic honesty is absolutely necessary for getting a passing grade in this course. On what counts as plagiarism and cheating, consult the addendum.

Textbook: Sober, Elliott. *Core Questions in Philosophy: A text with readings*. (3rd ed., 2001, Prentice Hall).

Useful link: *The Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*, edited by E. N. Zalta (Fall 2006 Edition).
<http://plato.stanford.edu/>

Topics and Reading Assignments

1. **June 16th**: Arguments (7-36).
2. **June 17th**: Saint Thomas Aquinas *Five Ways to Prove That God Exists* (114-115).
3. **June 18th**: William Paley *The Design Argument* (116-118).
David Hume *Critique of the Design Argument* (119-125).
4. **June 19th**: Saint Anselm and Gaunilo *The Ontological Argument* (125-127).
William James *The Will to Believe* (128-134).
5. **June 23rd**: Alfred Jules Ayer. *The Meaninglessness of Religious Discourse* (135-138) X
Ernest Nagel. *Defending Atheism* (139-146).
6. **June 24th**: Plato *Knowledge is Something More than True Belief* (201-207).
7. **June 25th**: Descartes *Meditations on First Philosophy* (208-230).
8. **June 26th**: Descartes *Meditations on First Philosophy* (231-249).
9. **June 30th**: Hume *Induction Cannot Be Rationally Justified* (250-257).
10. **July 1st**: Review.
11. **July 2nd**: 1. Exam
12. **July 3rd**: Hume. *Of Liberty and Necessity* (364-377).
13. **July 7th**: C.A. Campbell *Has the Self "Free Will"?* (378-388).
14. **July 8th**: B.F. Skinner *Determinism Rules Out Freedom* (390-394).
15. **July 9th**: Plato *Critique of the Divine Command Theory* (466-477).
16. **July 10th**: Jean-Paul Sartre *Existentialism* (478-485).
17. **July 14th**: John Stuart Mill *Defence of Utilitarianism* (486-519).
18. **July 15th**: Kant *Ethics Founded on Reason* (520-539).
19. **July 16th**: Aristotle *Morality and Human Nature* (540-567).
20. **July 17th**: Review.