Course Guide: Philosophy of Religion

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Assessment: 100% final exam
Optional formative feedback midterm essay

Course description:

In this course, we will cover some of the major developments within the philosophy of religion over the last 50 years. The focus of this course is on (1) the concept of God, (2) divine attributes, (3) arguments for the existence of God, small sections on (4) God and morality and (5) religious belief, and (6) aspect of the problem of evil.

Schedule: (readings are all required, but are listed roughly in order of importance)

**Week 1. (19/1) The Concept of God**


**Week 2. (26/1) Omnipotence**


**Week 3. (2/2) Omniscience**


**Week 4. (9/2) Theistic Arguments I: Ontological Arguments**


**Week 5. (16/2) Cosmological Arguments and the Principle of Sufficient Reason**


**Week 6. (2/3) God and Morality**


**Week 7. (9/3) Religious Belief**


**Week 8: (16/3) The Problem of Evil I: The Logical Problem**

Week 9: (23/3) The Problem of Evil II


Week 10: (30/3) Providence and Divine Standing to Blame


Patrick Todd, “Does God have the moral standing to blame?”