

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
BRENDAN MURDAY

Text: *Philosophy of Religion: Selected Readings*
Michael L. Peterson, William Hasker, Bruce Reichenbach, David Basinger, eds.

Assignments: - 2 exams, one midterm and one final.
- 1 paper (approximately 2000 words).
- Homework assignments consisting of reading questions.

Schedule:

Weeks 1-2: Faith and Reason

Aquinas, 'The Harmony of Reason and Revelation'
Pascal, 'The Wager'
Clifford, 'The Ethics of Belief'
James, 'The Will to Believe'

Weeks 3-4: Divine Attributes

Hick, 'God's Necessary Existence'
Aquinas, 'God is Omnipotent'
Mavrodes, 'Some Puzzles Concerning Omnipotence'
Boethius, 'God is Timeless'
Wolterstorff, 'God is Everlasting'
Pike, 'Divine Omniscience and Voluntary Action'

Week 5: Ontological Argument

Anselm, 'The Classical Ontological Argument'
Gaunilo, 'Critique of Anselm's Argument'
Plantinga, 'A Contemporary Modal Version of the Ontological Argument'

Week 6: Cosmological Argument

Aquinas, 'The Classical Cosmological Argument'
Taylor, 'A Contemporary Version of the Cosmological Argument'
Moreland, 'The Kalam Cosmological Argument'

Week 7: Teleological Argument

On reserve: Nelson, 'Evolution and the Argument from Design'
Betty and Cordell, 'The Anthropic Teleological Argument'

Weeks 8-9: Problem of Evil

Mackie, 'Evil and Omnipotence'
Plantinga, 'The Free Will Defense'
Hick, 'Soul-Making Theodicy'

Week 9-10: Knowing God without Arguments

Plantinga, 'The Reformed Objection to Natural Theology'
Hasker, 'The Case of the Intellectually Sophisticated Theist'

Week 10-11: Miracles

Hume, 'The Evidence for Miracles is Weak'
Swinburne, 'Miracles and Historical Evidence'

Week 11-12: The Afterlife

Price, 'The Soul Survives and Functions after Death'
Badham, 'Problems with Accounts of Life after Death'

Week 12: Religion and Science

Gould, 'Two Separate Domains'
Dawkins, 'Science Discredits Religion'

Week 13: Religious Diversity

Rahner, 'Religious Inclusivism'
Hick, 'Religious Pluralism'

Week 14: Religious Ethics

MacIntyre, 'Which God Ought We to Obey?'
Nielsen, 'Ethics without Religion'
Aquinas, 'Ethics and Natural Law'