Philosophy 245 - Philosophy of Religion – Fall 2014

Essay Topics

Deadline: November 21, 5 p.m.
No extensions will be granted without prior permission or unless a medical certificate is provided.

Instructions:
Length: 10 - 12 pages
All essays must be typed.
All essays must follow a consistent method of referencing and citation appropriate for study in the humanities.
You must use three of the articles or books listed in the attached bibliography and posted on the course moodle site (I have listed the readings by topic). These readings must form the basis for your essay.

Choose one of the following topics.

1. Does science affect faith and/or how we understand the phenomenon of religion?
2. Does the existence of (alleged) religious experience provide evidence for the existence of an all-knowing, all-powerful, all-loving God?
3. Are there rational grounds for believing in the occurrence of miracles?
4. Is there life after death?

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For extensive tips on writing a philosophy essay, check the web page at www.csus.edu/phil/req/writing.htm
Readings:

Question 1


Question 2


Question 3

Richard Swinburne, *The Concept of Miracle*, St Martin's Press, 1970 [BT 97.2 S9] [on reserve]
David Hume, "Of Miracles" [Section X of *An Enquiry concerning Human Understanding* (1748)].
Question 4