

PHIL 13185: First rewrite of Hume paper

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Due: in class, Thursday, January 25

Your first assignment was:

On p. 63 of his *Dialogues on Natural Religion*, Hume wrote:

“Is he willing to prevent evil, but not able? then is he impotent. Is he able, but not willing? then he is malevolent. Is he both able and willing? whence then is evil?”

State, in one sentence, the conclusion that Hume is arguing for here. Put the argument in a valid premise/conclusion form.

Now I'd like you, using the comments you received on your first assignment, to do two things:

1. Revise, if you think it is necessary, the argument you put together in the first assignment.
2. Pick one premise in your argument to which you think an opponent of Hume's argument might object. Decide whether you think that this premise is true or false. Write one paragraph arguing that that premise is true or false.