

PHIL 43904: Second short paper

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Due: in class, Tuesday, December 4

In 2-3 pages, address one of the following topics:

1. Around §2.02, Wittgenstein gives an argument for the existence of metaphysical simples. Explain what you take to be the best version of that argument, and say whether you think it is sound, and why.
2. Does Moore succeed in proving the existence of the external world? If not, is it that he fails to meet his standards of proof, or that those standards are too lenient? If so, why are some skeptics not convinced?