

The midterm exam is in class, Thursday, March 4, the Thursday before spring break.

That day, you will be given a blue book along with a sheet of paper which will include four quotes taken from the readings for this course. No optional readings will be used, and each of the quotes will be central to some part of the author's argument. (I will choose them for their importance, not their obscurity.)

The readings from which the quotes may be taken extend from the beginning of the semester until the readings for February 16, on the topic of free will and determinism.

With respect to **three** of these four quotations, you will be asked to do the following three things:

1. Identify the author of the quote.
2. Explain, clearly and in your own words, the argument of which the quote is a part. (You need explain only the particular argument of which the quote is a part, not the author's whole argument.)
3. State and briefly evaluate at least one objection to that argument. The objection may be one discussed in class, or something that you have come up with on your own.

You will have 50 minutes (the usual class period) to complete the exam. Accordingly, you will have just a bit more than 15 minutes, on average, to work on each question. If you are prepared for the exam, it might well take you less time than that.