

## Second paper assignment

PHIL 20810: Philosophical Theology

Due: Thursday, April 4, at 5:00.

Please submit the paper as an email attachment.

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This paper has three parts, which should be clearly demarcated.

**Part 1.** Argue for or against any one of the following theses:

- (1) God can make it true that not all the radii of a circle are equal.
- (2) God's omniscience is identical to God's omnipotence.
- (3) The sense of 'is God' in which the three persons of the Trinity are each God is the same sense in which there is exactly one God.
- (4) The Father is distinct from the Son but is the same God as the Son.
- (5) Every obtaining contingent state of affairs is causally determined by God to obtain.
- (6) True counterfactuals of freedom are contingent truths which are true independently of God's will.
- (7) A free action cannot be foreknown by a necessarily infallible being.
- (8) While on earth, Jesus ceased to be omniscient.

**Part 2.** Clearly state what you take to be the strongest objection to the argument given in Part 1.

**Part 3.** Do your best to respond to the objection given in Part 2.

The three parts, taken together, should not exceed 1500 words.

See below for further information.

1. As an alternative to doing this assignment, you may come up with your own topic, though you must get the written approval of me or your TA by email first. If you do this, the question that I or your TA approves should be on the first page of your essay.
2. A late penalty of 3 points per day, including weekends, will be assessed for any papers which are handed in late.
3. You are welcome to get comments from your TA on a rough draft of the paper. To do this, the draft must be submitted 7 days before the paper is due. You can of course also get in touch with me or your TA with questions about your papers.