

Second (still ungraded) mini-paper draft

PHIL 13195

Due: in class, this Thursday

For the second draft of your mini-paper, you should do the following (and only the following) two things:

1. Give an analysis of Aquinas' second way in premise/conclusion form. The argument should be valid. You should revise the argument from your first draft in response to my comments.
2. Pick the premise of your revised argument which you think is weakest, or most open to question. In one paragraph, develop an objection to that premise.

When you hand in your paper, you should also include your first draft (ideally, with the two stapled together). You should feel free to either revise the argument from your first draft in light of my comments, or start from scratch with a new formulation of the argument.

Again, that's all you have to do. Don't write an introduction, or conclusion. Just a formalized argument + a one-paragraph discussion of one of the premises. The one paragraph can be simple, and just start right in with a sentence like "Premise 2 of the argument is the weakest premise because..." or "One might object to premise 4 as follows: ..." or something like that.

Work on being clear about what, exactly, you are arguing is wrong with the premise in question. Are you arguing that it is not true? Or that we have no reason to believe that it is true? Or something else?

This draft will not be graded.