

# Midterm exam

PHIL 10106  
in class, October 17

*The midterm exam will consist of four questions from the following list. In the exam, you will answer three of the four.*

1. Explain the first cause argument for the existence of God. Should an agnostic be convinced by this argument that God exists?
2. Explain the cosmological argument for the existence of God. Should an agnostic be convinced by this argument that God exists?
3. Explain the Bayesian fine-tuning argument for the existence of God. Should an agnostic be convinced by this argument that God exists?
4. Explain the argument from the existence of some evil in the world. Should an agnostic be convinced by this argument that God does not exist?
5. Does the existence of free will explain why a perfectly good and omnipotent being would allow some evil to exist in the world? Why or why not?
6. Is there such a thing as natural evil (evil not caused by free actions) in the world? Should an agnostic be convinced by the existence of natural evil that God does not exist?
7. Should an agnostic be convinced by the argument from horrors that God does not exist?
8. What is the strongest argument in favor of your having free will? Is the argument convincing? Why or why not?
9. Is free will compatible with determinism? Why or why not?
10. Explain the fatalist argument against free will. Is the argument sound? Why or why not?
11. Explain the foreknowledge argument against free will. Is the argument sound? Why or why not?
12. Do Libet's experiments show that humans have, at best, a very limited kind of free will? Why or why not?