PART IV

Week 6  Utilitarianism
Nov.12  Jeremy Bentham, "The Principle of Utility"
       John Stuart Mill, Utilitarianism
       E.F. Carritt, "Criticisms of Utilitarianism"
       J.J.C. Smart, "Extreme and Restricted Utilitarianism"
       Bernard Williams, "Utilitarianism and Integrity"
       Peter Singer, "Famine, Affluence, and Morality"
       in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY, 457-503

Nov.15  Kantian Ethics
         Immanuel Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysic of Morals
         David Velleman, "A Brief Introduction to Kantian Ethics"
         Onora O’Neill, "Kantian Approaches to Some Famine Problems"
         Thomas Nagel, "War and Massacre"
       in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY, 504-56

Nov.19  Aristotelian Ethics
         Aristotle, Nichomachean Ethics
         Thomas Nagel, "Aristotle on Eudaimonia"
       in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY, 557-77

Nov.22  Challenges to Morality
         David Gauthier, "Morality and Advantage"
         J.L. Mackie, "The Law of the Jungle," "The Subjectivity of Values"
         Gilbert Harman, "Ethics and Observation"
         Nicholas L. Sturgeon, "Moral Explanations"
         "Casey Martin’s Golf Cart" (Class Handout)
       in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY, 706-51

Nov.26  Liberty and Equality
         Robert Nozick, "Justice and Entitlement"
         G. A. Cohen, "Where the Action Is: On the Site of Distributive Justice"
       in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY, 578-615
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Part Four continued

Dec. 3  
Justice  
John Rawls, A Theory of Justice  
in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY, 578-615  
There will be a quiz in class.

Dec. 6  
The Meaning of Life  
Albert Camus, “The Myth of Sisyphus”  
Thomas Nagel, “The Absurd”  
Susan Wolf, “The Meaning of Lives”  
Thomas Nagel, “Death”  
in Perry & Bratman, INTRODUCTION PHILOSOPHY, pp. 768-805  
Quizzes (graded) will be handed back in class. The FINAL PAPER TOPIC will also be handed out on Friday, December 6th at the end of class. Final papers are due on Thursday, December 19th at NOON in the Main Philosophy Department Office (RABB 303).