

# PART I

Week 1  
Sept. 6, 9

*Introduction and Organization*

The Trolley Problem (Handout)  
Course Requirements (Handout)

Week 2  
Sept. 13

*What is Philosophy?*

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), "The Value of Philosophy," pp. 9-12) in Perry and Bratman, INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY (hereafter "ITP") Full Text of Russell's *Problems of Philosophy* (Online).  
<http://www.ditext.com/russell/rus15.html>

*What is God?*

What Sign Would Convince You That God Exists? (Handout)  
God's Nature (Handout)  
Traditional Arguments for God's Existence (Handout)

Sept. 16

**Arguments for God's Existence**

*The Ontological Argument (1)*

Anselm (1033-1109), "The Ontological Argument," in INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY, pp. 42-3

*The Cosmological Argument (2)*

Aquinas (1033-1109), "The Existence of God," in INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY, pp. 44-6  
Samuel Clarke (1675-1725), "A Modern Formulation of the Cosmological Argument" (Class Handout)

*The Design Argument (3)*

William Paley (1734-1805), "Natural Theology," in INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY, pp. 46-51  
Stephen Jay Gould, "The Panda's Thumb" (Class Handout)  
Web Exhibit Online: "The Evolution of the Panda's Thumb"

**Week 2**  
**Sept. 20**

***The Problem of Evil***

John Perry, "Dialogue on Good, Evil and the Existence of God,"  
in INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY, pp. 96-119

**Sept. 23**

***Reason v. Faith***

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), "Why I Am Not a Christian,"  
in INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY, pp. 55-8

<http://users.drew.edu/~jlentz/whynot.html>

Antony Flew "The Invisible Gardener" (Class Handout)

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), "The Wager,"

in INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY, pp. 51-55

William K. Clifford (1845-1879), "The Ethics of Belief" (Handout)

William James (1843-1910), "The Will To Believe," (excerpt) (Online)

<http://falcon.jmu.edu/~omearawm/ph101willtobelieve.html>

*Paper topics for the first paper will be handed out on Friday, Sept. 23rd  
Papers are due on Tuesday, Oct. 4th, at the beginning of class. The paper will be a  
credit/no credit paper and so not graded. Everyone, with help and guidance if  
needed, is expected to receive credit.*

