

## Reading Assignments for Fall 2007 PHI 224 Version 1.0

- 08/20 Class orientation, syllabus and class policies
- 08/22 Introductory remarks on methods and subject matter in phil of religion
- 08/24 Basic concepts in Philosophy of Religion
  
- 08/27 Chapter 1: Concepts of God
- 08/29 Cont
- 08/31 Cont
  
- 09/03 **Labor Day - No Class**
- 09/05 Chapter 2: The Design Argument
- 09/07 Cont
  
- 09/10 Chapter 3: The Cosmological Argument
- 09/12 Cont
- 09/14 Cont
  
- 09/17 Chapter 4: The Ontological Argument
- 09/19 Cont
- 09/21 Cont
  
- 09/24 Chapter 5: Miracles
- 09/26 Cont
- 09/28 Cont
  
- 10/01 Chapter 6: Religious Experience
- 10/03 Cont
- 10/05 Cont
  
- 10/08 Review for Midterm
- 10/10 Review for Midterm
- 10/12 **Midterm Exam**
  
- 10/15 Chapter 7: Reformed Epistemology
- 10/17 Cont
- 10/19 Cont
  
- 10/22 Chapter 8: Faith and Pragmatic Reasons for Faith
- 10/24 Cont
- 10/26 Cont
  
- 10/29 Chapter 9: The Argument From Evil
- 10/31 Cont
- 11/02 Cont

11/05 Chapter 10: God and Morality

11/07 Cont

11/09 Cont

11/12 Chapter 11: Religious Diversity

11/14 Cont

11/16 Cont

11/19 **Thanksgiving Break - No Class**

11/21 **Thanksgiving Break - No Class**

11/23 **Thanksgiving Break - No Class**

11/26 Chapter 12: God and Language

11/28 Cont

11/30 Cont

12/03 Overview and catch up day for the semester

12/05 Review for Final Exam

12/07 Review for Final Exam

Final Exam will be scheduled in accordance with the Final's matrix located in the Course Schedule for Fall 2007.

For page numbers, consult the Table of Contents in the textbook. The required textbook for this class is *A Thinker's Guide To The Philosophy Of Religion*, Allen Stairs and Christopher Bernard. We will be using nearly the entire book this semester. The first half of the book is fairly straight forward. The second half is rougher going. My intention is to cover a chapter per week. You should, for each class period, read the entire chapter. So, ideally, you will read each chapter several times during the week. Given the nature of the material, this would be a very good idea. Although our authors have attempted to make this material as easy to digest as possible, the material is dense. In order to properly prepare for the exams, you should read each chapter multiple times.

There may also be periodic WebCt quizzes throughout the course of the semester. You are required to check WebCt for these. The due dates for these WebCt quizzes will be posted on WebCt. My thinking is that there will be some sort of exam for every two chapters. These exams will be weighed less than the midterm and final. The chapter exams will either be on WebCt or take home. The midterm and final will be in class.

If you have any trouble accessing these links, please advise. My email address is [ljwaggl@ilstu.edu](mailto:ljwaggl@ilstu.edu).

Regular participation during in-class discussions is expected. Participation therein is evaluated for a component in your overall grade.