

Please use class textbook for in-text/work citation Book = Encountering The Real: Faith and Philosophical Enquiry

Option 2 (WRITTEN ESSAY)

Critical Writing Assignment on Interview with the Dalai Lama

Write a 1200-1500 word paper in which you critically analyze the perspective of the Dalai Lama as found in Module 7 of the course from the vantage point of John Hick's pluralistic hypothesis, which is encountered in the same module. You need not agree with Hick's position and you may role play if you choose, but your paper must take up and defend a clear thesis and the paper must include *substantial* engagement and *specific* references to both the Dalai Lama interview and the article by Hick.

Before getting started, please be sure to review the requirements to be observed for this and all other PHI 110RS Critical Writing Assignments. Your paper must:

- Defend a thesis and should proceed according to the following format: Thesis, Argument, Objection(s), Response(s), and Conclusion.
- Include citations to the primary required class readings. These and any additional sources must be properly cited using MLA format.
- Fall within the following length requirements: 1200-1500 words.
- Use a standard 10-12 pt. font and be double-spaced.

If you have questions about any aspect of the Final Project, please be sure to contact your instructor as early as possible.

Information on MLA Citation style can be found here: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

Review the following site on plagiarism: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/02/>

See Appendices B and C of the syllabus for grading rubrics for each Final Project option.

Discussions:

Class participation is an important, graded component of the course. All students are expected to adhere to the course syllabus and schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of what is happening in the class. When preparing for the discussion assignments, the student should plan on, at a minimum, three separate discussion postings.

Initial posting: The initial response for the discussion question is due **no later than Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT** of each module. The initial posting will reflect the student's take on the assigned material. That posting should be well thought-out and well-written and include appropriately cited online research and text references. **A posting of at least 200 words is required.**

Response postings: Everyone is expected to build the discussion by posting thoughtful and substantive interactive responses to your classmates' posts. Two instances of interaction are required and more are encouraged. Interaction should include constructive criticism (positive and negative) offered in a supportive, collegial spirit. In an active learning experience such as discussion, constructive criticism can be a very powerful learning tool if offered in this manner. Students are also required to post responses to at least two **(2) classmates no later than Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT** of the respective module. Responses of at least **100 words each are required.**