

First Paper

Consider the following topics.

1. **The Incredulous Stare:** State and critically evaluate the **strongest** objection to Lewis's response to the incredulous stare.
2. **Lewis's Objections to Ersatzism:** State and critically evaluate the **strongest** of Lewis's objections to Ersatzism about possible worlds.
3. **Plantinga's Distinction between A Priority and Necessity:** State and critically evaluate the **strongest** objection to Plantinga's argument that necessity and a priority are not the same thing.

Please write an essay of 3-5 pages (about 1000 words) either on **EXACTLY ONE** of the above topics, or on a topic which you choose in consultation with me.

Your essay should be clearly organized and well-written. Please do not neglect to explain technical ideas in your own words. Write as if for an intelligent, interested audience with infinite patience for philosophy, but no prior knowledge. You might consult Jim Pryor's advice for writing a philosophy paper at

<http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/writing.html>.

You must turn in your essay in the following format:

1. A **cover page** with your name on it; and
2. **Three typewritten copies** of your essay that do not contain your name or other identifying information.

Essays are due in class on Tuesday, 27 Feb 2018.