Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy God July 2005

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Readings

Most of the readings for the seminar are available through the class web page, at http://spot.colorado.edu/~pasnau/seminar Other materials will be mailed to you in early June. You are responsible for acquiring the following:

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Schedule

Week One – The Divine Attributes July 11-12: Aquinas on God's nature (Pasnau) AM July 13: Divine simplicity (Kaufman) AM July 14: Divine omnipotence (Kaufman) AM July 15: God and being (Sparks) AM

Week Two – The Existence of God July 18-19: The problem of evil (Tooley) PM July 20: The free-will defense (Morriston) AM July 21: The fine-tuning argument (Huemer) PM July 22: Plantinga against naturalism (Wielenberg) AM

Week Three – God and Creatures July 25: God and morality (Wielenberg) AM July 26-27: Foreknowledge and freedom (Heathwood) AM July 28: Middle knowledge (Morriston) AM July 29: Conclusion (Pasnau) AM

All AM classes meet from 9-12; all PM classes meet from 2-5; all classes meet in Hellems 269. Each weekday, at a time to be announced, Dan Demetriou, will lead an optional discussion session.

Course Work

Two five-page papers will be required: the first on Monday, July 18th, the second on Monday, July 25th. In addition, to receive credit for the course, you must submit by August 31st a term paper, which may be an expanded and revised version of one of the two short papers.

The heart and soul of this seminar will be neither reading nor writing (the bulk of which you should do before you come and after you leave town), but rather thinking and talking about philosophy, during and between seminar meetings. We will insist that you participate actively in the seminar, and we will urge you to hang out between meetings with your fellow seminarians, talking about philosophy, art, life, politics, whatever.