

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

MPHIL EXAMINATIONS 2000

for internal students

The philosophy of religion

Answer THREE questions.

1. 'The modal cosmological argument fails because, at the end of the day, its proponents are stuck with some brute facts, just like the rest of us.' Discuss.
2. What is the 'fine-tuning' argument for God's existence? How good is it?
3. 'If God existed there would be no horrendous evils. But there are horrendous evils. Therefore God does not exist.' Discuss.
4. Could God make a stone He couldn't lift?
5. Can omniscience be reconciled with the idea that the future is genuinely open?
6. Can materialists coherently believe in an afterlife?
7. What sort of religious beliefs, if any, are properly basic?
8. 'If God is timelessly eternal then so is the universe' Discuss.
9. How could we discover whether or not the actual world is the best of all possible worlds?
10. Could God have a body?
11. 'Since retribution is immoral so must hell be.' Discuss.

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