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**TITLE:** PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**TERM:** S **YEAR:** 2018I (Jan-Apr 2018)**PROFESSOR:** Dr. Pamela J. Reeve**SCHEDULE:** Thursday, 2–4**First class:** Thursday, 11 January 2018**REGISTRATION:** Limited to 20 students**LOCATION:** St. Augustine's classrooms  
Cardinal Flahiff Building, 95 St. Joseph Street**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

An introductory survey of several main themes in the philosophy of religion (natural theology), including faith and reason, religious experience and revelation as grounds for religious belief, arguments for the existence of God (teleological, cosmological, ontological), science and religion, the problem of evil, religion and morality, death and the afterlife, miracles, and the challenge of religious diversity. Readings will be taken from ancient, medieval, and contemporary sources.

**COURSE OUTCOMES OR OBJECTIVES:**

Students will gain a well-founded understanding of contrasting views on a range of topics of current relevance in the philosophy of religion. The course aims at developing skills in conceptual clarification and analysis in understanding and articulating religious ideas from a philosophical perspective.

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**REQUIRED TEXT:** *Readings in Philosophy of Religion: Ancient to Contemporary*, edited by Linda Zagzebski and Timothy D. Miller (Chichester, UK & Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009). The text will be available at the University of Toronto Bookstore (Koffler Centre, 214 College Street and St. George, 416-640-5840).

**POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

- 1 analytic outline (approx. 1250 words) (15%)
- 1 essay (approx. 3500 words) (35%)
- Class participation (20%)
- Final 2-hour written exam (30%)

**ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Davies, Brian. *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion*. 3rd edition. Oxford: Oxford UP, 2004.

John Paul II. *Faith and Reason: Encyclical Letter Fides et Ratio*. Sherbrooke, PQ: Mediaspaul, 1998.

Mann, William E., ed. *The Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of Religion*. Oxford UP, 2005.

Meister, Chad and Paul Copan, eds. *The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Religion*. 2nd edition. London & New York: Routledge, 2013.

Peterson, Michael L. *Contemporary Debates in Philosophy of Religion*. Blackwell, 2004.