

## Moral Theology Midterm Study Guide 2008

Please review the following terms and concepts.

Study Guide Terms for Midterm:

Sin as Act	Moral Reformer	Principle of Utility
Sin as Relationship	Earthly Goods	Rights/Justice
Ethics of Being	Transcendent Goods	Categorical Imperative
Ethics of Doing	Secret Violations	Hypothetical Imperative
Ethnocentrism	Tribal Morality	Conscience:
Enculturation	Moral Freeloader	A Capacity,
Teleological	Social Contract Theory	A Process,
Deontological	Sucker	A Judgment
Diversity Thesis	State of Nature	Id/Superego
Dependency Thesis	Ordinary Morality	Double Effect
Absolute	Equality of Need	Virtues-
Universal	Scarcity of Resources	Temperance,
Ethical Relativism	Equality of Human Power	Fortitude,
Cultural Relativism	Limited Altruism	Justice,
Personal Relativism	Utilitarianism	Prudence
Subjectivism	Natural Law Theory	Sources of Morality
Nihilism		Elements of a Moral Act

Below is a sample of essay questions for review:

1. Describe and analyze two of the major objections against utilitarianism.
2. Describe and analyze Kant's rationalist deontology. Differentiate the categorical imperative from hypothetical imperatives. Develop a critique of Kant's approach to morality.
3. Briefly describe the prisoner's dilemma. What principle does this prove for Hobbes? What is the moral implication of this theory?
4. What does the peeping-tom example disprove or at least challenge for Utilitarianism?
5. Recall the story of the Inquiring Murder in Kant's *Groundworks of the Metaphysics of Morals*. Explain what Kant would do in that situation and describe why.
6. What is the Natural Law Theory? Describe at least one inclination that humans share with other creatures and the moral imperative derives from this shared inclination.
7. What are the three parts of the conscience? How can we use the superego to better understand the Morally Informed Conscience?