

Mini Paper 3

Instructions: this assignment should be **printed out** and turned in **in class** on **September 16**. This paper should be under a page. I like to grade as anonymously as possible, so please **do not put your name on the top of the paper, but instead put it on the opposite side of the page (or on a second page, if you can't print double-sided)**. If you have any questions about how to complete the assignment, please let me know.

Today for class we are reading Lois Hope Walker's "Religion Gives Meaning to Life." On page 553, in the paragraph starting "I turn to the atheist's second thesis ..." Walker gives an argument that religion does not hold purpose as superior to autonomy. Reconstruct this argument in premise-conclusion form.

Some suggestions about writing this mini-paper (these hold for philosophy papers in general):

- I've already given some tips in the reconstructing argument handout, so make sure to check out those.
- In addition, try to only include premises that you need to get your conclusion. In other words, it shouldn't be the case that you have ten premises but your conclusion follows from the first three alone.