

Reading Questions for September 16

These questions cover a book chapter by Lois Hope Walker called “Religion Gives Meaning to Life.” The answers do not have to be turned in. You will probably have to read more than once to get the answers.

*Background:*

We’re going to start the section on the meaning of life by examining the connections between religion and the meaning of life. In this article, Walker defends the idea that religious views of meaning and purpose are compatible with autonomy and freedom.

*Questions:*

1. On pages 552 Walker introduces two theses. Then on pages 552-3 she criticizes the first thesis. How does she do so? What do you think; who is right and why?
2. On pages 553-4 Walker criticizes the second thesis. How does she do so? What do you think; who is right and why?