

Phil 525 Essay #2 Schleiermacher essay      Due Tues 11/3 (hard copies only)  
75 points total

There are three questions to answer based on three excerpts from Speech Two. The purpose of this assignment is threefold: 1) to give you more practice in reading with more precision, 2) to assist you in learning to pinpoint the appropriate passages to focus on in response to a question, and 3) to allow you to practice writing succinct, clear, and direct answers to the questions posed.

Each question is worth 25 points. Keep your answers short: one-half page (min.) to a full page (min.) for each question. Be sure to state your answer clearly and give your explanation or interpretation of the terms and/or passage. Please answer each question on a separate sheet. Staple all three pages together. Follow the prior formatting guidelines (no long quotes, etc.).

1. State and explain Schleiermacher's definition of religion.

"Religion's essence is neither thinking nor acting..." (p. 22) and continuing on through the underlined passage on p. 23.

2. State and explain Schleiermacher's notion of "intuition" and the it's the notion of individuality/particularity.

"Intuition is and always remains something individual..." (p. 26)

"If thousands of you could have the same religious intuitions..." (p. 27)

"Religion is infinite not only because acting and being acted upon ceaselessly alternate..." (p. 27)

3. State and explain Schleiermacher's notion of feeling.

"Finally, to complete the general picture of religion, recall that every intuition is, by its very nature, connected with a feeling." (p. 29)