

Philosophy 2330: Science
Spring 2017
First short essay assignment

Please print your essay and bring it to class on Tuesday, Jan 31st.

You are to write roughly one page (400-600 words) answering the following question.

Regarding the relationship between science and religion, Stephen Jay Gould defends the view he calls "NOMA" which stands for the idea that science and religion are nonoverlapping magisteria. Explain what Gould means by this. Do you think that he is right about what Science and Religion are about and about their relationship to each other? If you think that he is wrong, give an example that you think shows this. If you think he is right, describe an example that you think is at least a difficult case (Dawkins mentions several cases for example) and say what you think about it.