

Philosophy 2330: Science
Fall 2019
First short essay assignment

Please print your essay and bring it to class on Monday, Sept 9th. **ALSO** please make your essay anonymous by putting your R# at the top of the page and **NOT** your name.

You are to write between one and two pages (400-600 words) answering the following questions.

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. First, explain Gould's view. 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 at least one example that you think shows this and explain why it is a problem for Gould. If you think he is right, explain why and describe at least one example that you think is a difficult case (Dawkins mentions several cases for example) and say what you think about this case.