

Philosophy 2330: Science  
Spring 2022  
First short essay assignment

Please complete your essay and upload it into Blackboard before class on Tuesday, Feb 1st.

You are to write between one and two pages (500-700 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 a few examples that you think shows this and explain why they are a problem for Gould. If you think he is right, explain why and describe a few examples that you think are difficult cases (Dawkins mentions several cases for example) and say what you think about these cases.