

**BA EXAMINATION 2003**

for Internal Students

This paper is also taken by Combined Studies Students

**PHILOSOPHY**Optional subject (d): Philosophy of Religion

Thursday, May 22nd, 2003, 2.30 pm - 5.30 pm.

Answer THREE questions. Avoid overlap in your answers.

1. Can one conceive of God?
2. Is God identical with His attributes?
3. Can a (non-instantaneous) being be both omniscient and immutable?
4. Could different (divine) persons be the same God?
5. EITHER (a) How, if at all, might I have a life after death, if I am nothing over and above my body?  
OR (b) Are there any good reasons to think I have an immortal soul?
6. 'If God is omnipotent, then He can make a stone He cannot lift.' Discuss.
7. EITHER (a) 'The notion of trans-world depravity provides us with a plausible account of why an all-good, all-knowing, and all-powerful God might allow evil.' Discuss.  
OR (b) 'The fact that free creatures sometimes go wrong counts neither against God's omnipotence nor against His goodness; for He could have forestalled the occurrence of moral evil only by removing the possibility of moral good.' Discuss.
8. Does the existence of evils without any apparent point make it (defeasibly, prima facie) reasonable to believe that there is no all-good, all-powerful, and all-knowing God?
9. Does the hypothesis of a Designer provide the only or the best explanation of the fact that the cosmos is fine-tuned to support life?
10. 'The cosmological argument may not establish the existence of God, but it does give us good reason to posit an uncaused cause of all contingent causes.' Discuss.

11. Could God have infallible knowledge of future contingents?
12. 'Because there is no independent confirmation of the veridicality of religious experiences, religious experiences do not justify religious beliefs.' Discuss.

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