

## Hum 27/Phil 7 World Religions Study Guide for Midterm Exam

For the midterm exam you will be responsible for all the material covered in class and in assigned readings. To prepare for the exam you should:

- Review the PowerPoints as well as all the notes you took on lectures. You should know these backwards and forwards. This should constitute at least 80% of your study time.
- Review all the passages we read together in class, along with the notes you took on our discussion of those texts.
- Think about how the ideas, themes, etc. in each religion compare with each other.
- I will not be testing you on any dates, but you will be expected to know key names, terms, concepts, etc.

Bring a LARGE Green Book and two pens (blue or black) ink to the exam session.

Consult the Exam Grading Rubric on my webpage for the grading criteria.

**Part I. ID's. 8/10 Terms.** *You will write two sentences for each term. The first sentence defines the term; the second sentence explains the term's significance in relation to other topics and themes in the religion from which it comes.*

**Part II. Short Answer. 4/5 Questions.** *You will answer FOUR questions in about a paragraph per question.*

**Part III. Textual Analysis. 2/3 Passages.** *I will give you **THREE** quotations from the Bhagavad-Gita, Dhammapada, Tao Te Ching, and Analects. You will choose **TWO** of those quotations and, in your Green Book, write a three-paragraph mini-essay on the quotation using the following format:*

Paragraph One: **Identify** the quotation in terms of text, author, religious tradition, etc. (1-2 sentences)

Paragraph Two: **Explain** how the quotation relates to the arguments, themes, etc. of the rest of the work from which it is taken and how it illustrates the ideas, values, and/or principles of the religion from which it comes. (3-5 sentences)

Paragraph Three: **Relate** the quotation (and the themes/ideas expressed in it) to at least one other text we've read this semester that deals with the same issues, themes, ideas, etc. (compare & contrast) (3-5 sentences)