Choose one of the following topics.

1. What is your position on the existence of miracles? Have you encountered some experiences which you regard as miraculous? Make sure you specify what you mean by miracles. In discussing your position on miracles, refer to some of the essays which we read and use some of the ideas and arguments in these essays to clarify your own position.

2. Consider a case of your personal encounter with evil (suffering). How did you handle it – both theoretically (theological or philosophical) and existentially (coping mechanisms)? Then taking into account the four theodicies which we discussed, how do you now think you might handle future encounters with evil? Which of these theodicies do you think would help you explain evil and suffering in the future?

Due date: Thursday, July 19

Two to three pages & no more than three pages; 1 inch margins; normal font (12 pt. or larger); double space; no cover page; place your name, date, and the name of the course in upper left or right corner of the first page; header on pages other than the first with your name and page number; use the MLA parenthetical style for references including “works cited” at the end of your paper. (See the course web site for examples, www.creighton.edu/~eeselk).