Choose one of these options. Choose one only.

Option 1

In the class discussion of the relationship between philosophy and theology, we mentioned one similarity and two differences. Propose some additional similarities and differences between philosophy and theology, and discuss them.

Option 2

In the *Crito*, Socrates several times compares the state to the parents of the citizens of the state. Do you agree with this comparison? Would many contemporary citizens of the United States use such a metaphor? What does Socrates’ use of this metaphor tell us about the role of the state in ancient Athens and the role of the state in contemporary U.S.? What is your position on the role of the state in the life of its citizens (not necessary, central, necessary but not good, necessary and good)?

Option 3

Some of the images of Socrates in Western history are secular saint, martyr for the freedom of speech, and martyr for adhering to fundamental moral principles. For example, Peter Ackroyd in his recent biography of Thomas More writes: “There are indeed similarities between the two men [Thomas More and Socrates] in their prison cells. Socrates followed his conscience and spoke of a truth beyond the jurisdiction of the court which condemned him; he was urged to escape, but insisted upon his duty to uphold the process of the law” (377). Choose one, two or all three of the above images and critically evaluate them. Does Socrates’ life and the historical events surrounding the trial and execution justify these images?

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