

Spring 2017
PHIL 2250, Section 01
Second Paper Assignment
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Write a paper, at least six pages in length, on one of the following topics – preferably the one that you find the most interesting. Revise your work carefully, and remember to cite your sources correctly using APA, MLA, or Chicago guidelines. Your typed and stapled essay is due at the beginning of class on Wednesday, April 12th.

1. Pascal argues that religious belief is justified, even if we cannot know anything at all about God. What is his argument, and what do you make of it? Can religious belief be justified in the absence of any evidence?
2. James says a lot about religious experience. What strikes you about his analysis, and do you think that his overall analysis is sound? Engage the text thoughtfully and carefully.