

SECOND PAPER TOPICS

Due Monday, April 10th by 4PM

Electronic copy to your TA (as per their instructions)

PROBLEMS OF
PHILOSOPHY

Write a 5 page double-spaced paper on one of the following topics. Also, **anonymize** your paper as follows: **Do not** put your name anywhere on the document. Instead use your **PeopleSoftID number**. If you use outside sources on your paper, be sure to cite them!

Paper Topic 1 Pick the view among the three following positions on free will which you find to be the most plausible: Classical Compatibilism, “Extra Factor” Libertarianism, Skepticism. Then:

- (A) explain what this view is, and why it is the most plausible position on free will;
- (B) give the strongest objection to this view (you are welcome, if you like, to use objections considered in class or readings); and
- (C) provide an argument to defend your view against this objection.

Paper Topic 2 In this paper you'll say whether or not you think it is *in principle possible* for you to survive your inevitable bodily destruction. Do the following:

- (1) Very clearly and succinctly state and describe any view about personal identity. You may use any view we gave from class, a slightly modified version of a view we gave in class, or even a wholly new view.
- (2) Say whether, on this view, it is in principle possible for human beings to survive their bodily destruction. [Take a clear stance here: "yes" or "no".]
- (3) (A) If you said humans could survive their bodily destruction on the view in (1),
 - (i) describe a scenario in which someone survives their bodily destruction on the view;
 - (ii) present the best objection you can think of to the claim that this person has survived; and
 - (iii) provide an argument against that objection.
- (B) If you said humans *couldn't* survive their bodily destruction on the view in (1),
 - (i) present the best objection you can think of to the view from (1); and
 - (ii) provide an argument against that objection.

Spend most of your time (at least 3 pages) on parts (Aii–iii) and (Bi–ii) respectively.