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PLC2030 Religion: Philosophical Aspects **Wed 31 Jan 2007**

18.00 – 20.00

Please answer any two questions.

1. “One great difficulty with theism is that there are no good arguments for the existence of God” Do you agree?
2. “Quite a few thinkers today want to retain some sense of religion without any clear break from the ultimacy of the impersonal” (Merold Westphal). Comment, with specific reference to Baruch Spinoza’s *Ethics*.
3. “There is no such thing as discovering God. Whatever you discover, it is not God. God is not this, not that. God is ‘totally other’ than what you might find, completely outside the realm of the discoverable” (Gareth Moore). Do you agree with this rather Kantian statement? Why, or why not?
4. “We actually have to *look* at how language works, how it is used, if we are to get any real understanding of God” (Gareth Moore). Comment.
5. “God is not some *thing*” (Gareth Moore) Well, then, can we really speak about God?