

Philosophy 190R

Short Writing Assignment 1

Due Tues., Jan. 26

Instructions

Note: this assignment is for students in Group I *only*.

Please respond to the following question in two pages or less (double spaced). (Needless to say this should be your own original work.)

In §93–5, Hegel discusses two types of infinity, which he calls here (a) the “bad” or “negative” infinite and (b) the “true” infinite. Explain how each of these is a third moment (a moment of double negation, of reflection-into-self), with reference to the first two moments in each case (hint: as I have interpreted the text, at least, the two don’t occur at the same level of structure). In particular, explain why each can be regarded as a mediated unity of “something” and “something else” (*Etwas* and *Anderes*). What nevertheless makes the two so different? (Try to answer that last question, not directly by talking about the difference between the two infinities as Hegel conceives of them, but rather by explaining the difference between what “something” and “something else” come to in the two cases.)