

Philosophy 3334 Fall 2023  
Reading questions #8  
Due Thur, Oct 5

- 1) Read chapter 11. Dawkins says that the idea of God is a meme. Explain why. Is God (the being himself) a meme? Do the answers to the questions depend on whether God actually exists or not?
  
- 2) Read chapter 13. Sexually transmitted infections often do not initially cause symptoms and very rarely cause severe health concerns in the short term. What is the basic explanation for why this is true? (Compare, say, chlamydia or gonorrhea to cholera or pneumonia – all of these are bacterial infections. HINT: Cholera gives you diarrhea and pneumonia makes you cough and sneeze. Why?)
  
- 3) After reading the chapters, come up with a question that you want answered or a topic that you would like to be discussed. This could be something that the chapters forced you think about or it could be something that you thought was particularly confusing in the chapters.