

**Format**

- Each paper proposal is a four-sentence summary of a paper that you could write for the class
- Here is the structure:

So-and-so says \_\_\_\_\_.

I will argue that \_\_\_\_\_, because \_\_\_\_\_.

One might object that \_\_\_\_\_.

I would reply that \_\_\_\_\_.

- For purposes of these assignments, you may pretend that it is Korman's own view being presented in the chapter.
- Here is a sample version of what you might submit for the first assignment. You are welcome to use the topics described there in your actual paper, but (needless to say) you cannot submit these exact proposals as your own paper proposal assignment.

**Proposals for Prompts 1A and 1B**

**Your Name Here**

**Prompt 1A**

Korman says that God couldn't allow suffering. I will argue that God could allow suffering, because he would want to test our devotion. One might object that God wouldn't need to test our devotion since he's all-knowing and would already know how devoted we are. I would reply that even an all-knowing God cannot know what we will freely choose to do.

**Prompt 1B**

Korman says that believing in God has a higher expected utility than disbelief. I will argue that disbelief also has infinite expected utility, because for all we know God may send everyone to heaven. One might object that God couldn't send everyone to heaven, since God is perfectly just and it would be unjust to allow wrongdoers into heaven. I would reply that this objection fails, since there is at least some chance that God isn't perfectly just.