Writing Assignment No. 2 (first graded assignment)

Write a brief essay (four to five pages, six if you need them) on one of the following topics.

1. “In Genesis and Exodus, God provides for his people, but he is not concerned to educate them. They do not grow in understanding.” Agree or disagree.

2. “In discussing Genesis, people talk a lot about God’s commandments. But in fact, the people in Genesis are free to do almost anything they want to do.” Agree or disagree.

3. It was said in lecture, “When you test someone, you are also testing yourself.” In what way or ways is God being tested by the kind of tests he sets for others? Use as evidence two of the following episodes from the Bible: the garden of Eden, Noah’s flood, Abraham’s attempted sacrifice of Isaac, Joseph’s experiences, Moses’ appointment to act as spokesman for God (Exodus 3:1-4:20) You don’t need to argue that God is tested in the same way in both of the episodes you choose, although you may argue for that.

4. “In Genesis and Exodus, God does the leading. There is no significant scope for human leadership.” Agree or disagree.

In writing your essay, play close attention to the discussions of writing, and of the Humanities Program Writing Handbook, that are happening in your sections. Turn in your essay at the end of lecture on Friday, February 1.

At the same time, you need to send an electronic copy to the anti-plagiarism website Turnitin.com. This is a good opportunity to remind everyone that if you use other people’s words as if they were your own you are committing academic dishonesty, which at UCSD is severely punished. It is also very easy to discover.