Writing Assignment No. 2

Write a brief essay (four to five pages) on one of the following topics.

1. “God’s relationship with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob [choose two] is a friendship relationship similar to that of Athena and Odysseus.” Agree or disagree with this idea. Don’t spend more than half of your paper talking about the Odyssey.

2. “Genesis presents an enormous contrast to Exodus 1-23 [otherwise known as the first half of Exodus]. In Genesis, after the Flood has passed, God expects his followers to do virtually nothing for him; in Exodus, however, he expects them to do things for him virtually all the time.” Agree or disagree with this idea.

3. “In Genesis, after what God says about the shedding of blood at 9:4-6, God does not appear as the source of moral rules.” Agree or disagree with this idea.

In writing your essay, play close attention to pp. 8-12 and 13-16 of the Humanities Handbook, and to discussions of this material that take place in your sections. Turn in your essay at the end of lecture on Friday, February 2.

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.