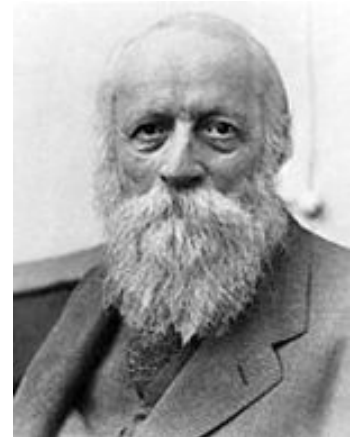


Skepticism, Atheism, and Religious Faith (Religious Studies 2LL3) – Fall 2013

TEXT PREPARATION 5

Assignment due in class on November 27*

**As noted on the course syllabus: Text Preparation assignments are designed to help you prepare the reading assignment for a particular class, in conjunction with your participation in that class. Thus, those assignments may only be submitted in class on the days they are due. If you have to miss that day's class, please contact the instructor to make alternate arrangements.*



This assignment is based on:

- Martin Buber, "Religion and Philosophy" from *Eclipse of God* (1952) [essay in coursepack / book on reserve].

See also my list of [Errata](http://socserv.socsci.mcmaster.ca/danahol/2LL3/errata.pdf) (<http://socserv.socsci.mcmaster.ca/danahol/2LL3/errata.pdf>) for this translation.

In well-written paragraphs, a total of 500-600 words**, please address the following question with detailed reference to the text.

- In "Religion and Philosophy," Buber reviews some traditional sources for what they have to say about the "immanence" and the "transcendence" of God. Lay out the views/sources he mentions, and explain how he presents, against this background, his own understanding of God's immanence/transcendence. Optional: Can you connect what he says here to one or two aspects of *I and Thou*?

As was the case for previous assignments, your observations should be backed up with references that allow your reader to see what they are based on. For this purpose, please use in-text parenthetical page references – for an example of these, see Harvey, *Writing with Sources* [selection in coursepack/book on reserve/purchase book], p. 51, under "MLA Basic Rules."

Note: Since this is your first reading of this text, and since we have not yet discussed it in class, the Text Preparation assignment is simply a first effort at figuring out what it says, and doing it will help you get the most of our in-class work on it. Your fuller understanding will develop in the course of our class meetings, and with successive re-readings.

**Please print your assignment double-spaced and with one-inch margins, using a 10-12-point font. Please number and staple the pages you hand in.

Please indicate the total word count at the end of your assignment.

Please keep a copy of your assignment to refer to in our class discussions of Buber over the next couple of meetings.

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