

## Religion and Politics (Religious Studies 3CC3 / Political Science 3LA3) – Winter 2015

### TEXT PREPARATION 1

#### Assignment due in class on February 9 from some students

This assignment consists of attendance of the full class session on February 9, plus completing the written assignment below, to be submitted in class on February 9 only.

(*Rationale*: Text Preparation assignments are designed to help you prepare the reading assignment for a particular class meeting, in conjunction with your participation in that class meeting, when we go over the reading selection together.)

If you cannot come to class on February 9, please plan to complete a different Text Preparation assignment for a future date.

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This assignment is based on:

Beverly McLachlin, "Freedom of Religion and the Rule of Law. A Canadian Perspective" (pp. 14–34), chapter 2 in Douglas Farrow, *Recognizing Religion in a Secular Society: Essays in Pluralism, Religion, and Public Policy* (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2004). [Please see the online syllabus for instructions on how to access this text.]

**Detailed Instructions:** In well-written paragraphs, a total of approximately 600 words, please address the following question with detailed reference to the text:

How does McLachlin describe "law" and "religion," and how does she characterize the way they relate to each other, or should relate to each other?

Your answer may also include 1–2 questions raised in the reading for further discussion.

As was the case for the Text Summary assignment, all your observations in the Text Preparation assignment should be backed up with references that allow your reader to see what they are based on in the text. For this purpose, please use in-text parenthetical page references—for an example of these, see Harvey, *Writing with Sources*, p. 51, under "MLA Basic Rules."

Since McLachlin also sometimes cites sources of her own, be sure to mention those sources when appropriate. Note that when you draw on a source cited within another source, you must give the full citation to the original source (e.g., in a footnote) "as cited in" the source in which you found the material.

Please print your assignment double-spaced and with one-inch margins, using an 11–12-point font.

Please number and staple the pages you hand in.

Please write "Text Preparation 1" at the top, and indicate the total word count at the end.

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. The assignment is not evaluated for whether it demonstrates a good understanding of the reading, but for evidence of your having worked in detail to understand the reading. Your fuller understanding will develop in the course of our class meetings, and with successive re-readings.

**Plagiarism Warning:** This assignment is designed to be completed by means of independent work on the assigned reading, aided by the guidance you have received in class/tutorial and by consulting the instructor and the TA: We are always available to discuss the questions you encounter as you read and re-read the texts for this class. It is neither necessary nor desirable that you consult outside sources in order to complete this assignment. Please remember that unacknowledged use of such sources constitutes plagiarism and is a violation of the university's [Academic Integrity policy](#).

*Please keep a copy of your assignment to refer to in our class and tutorial discussions.*

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