

### **First Writing Assignment**

A characteristic feature of most if not all religions is the idea that religion involves ideas about, or belief in, supernatural agents (i.e. gods or spirits). Briefly describe the significance Hume, Müller and Berger see in this feature. What is the point about belief in supernatural agents that each author is most concerned to convey? Which of the authors do you find most illuminating on the subject, and why?

**Length:** 3-4 pages, double-spaced

**Due date:** Friday, September 25, 4:00 PM

### **Tips:**

- 1) For a paper this short, an introductory paragraph is not necessary; you can jump right into addressing the assigned question.
- 2) A cover sheet is not necessary.
- 3) Make sure your paper addresses the assigned questions.
- 4) Please number your pages and make sure your name is on the paper somewhere.

Turn in your paper, in hard copy, to the Religion department office (108 Chapin Hall).