

**STUDY GUIDE**  
**Midterm, Phil008**  
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**The exam will be given in multiple choice format. Please bring a Scantron 882-E form (the green one) and #2 pencil to class on the day of the exam. You will be given 35 minutes *at the beginning of class* to complete the exam, after which we will resume with our usual class meeting.**

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**Make sure that you understand each of the following terms/concepts:**

- Descriptive, normative, and metaethical questions (Cahn ch. 1)
- Cultural relativism (Cahn ch. 5)
- The “Cultural Differences” argument (Cahn ch. 5)
- Rachels’ arguments against cultural relativism (Cahn ch. 5)
- The Divine Command Theory (class discussion of Cahn ch. 4)
- The “Euthyphro Dilemma” (Cahn ch. 4)
- Psychological Egoism (including arguments for and against) (Cahn ch. 7)
- Ethical Egoism (including arguments for and against) (Cahn ch. 7)
- Nietzsche’s ideas of “Master Morality” and “Slave Morality”
- Cahn and Murphy on the relationship between happiness and morality (Cahn ch. 8)
- Kierkegaard on happiness and morality (Cahn ch. 8)
- Nagel’s argument against moral skepticism (Cahn ch. 6)
- Stevenson’s emotivism (Cahn ch. 9)
- Utilitarianism (Cahn ch. 12)
- Standard objections to utilitarianism (Cahn ch. 13)

Exam questions will be designed so as to allow you to show that you have kept up with course readings. I strongly encourage you to *use the actual readings and class discussions* as your primary study tools. They are more reliable than sources like the Wikipedia, and will be more relevant to the questions you’ll see on the exam.

I also encourage you to visit the [website for the Cahn book](#) where you can find flashcards and sample multiple choice questions based on our readings. These are excellent resources, and can serve to supplement your understanding of the readings.

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