

MIDTERM REVIEW

QUESTION #1 [HGS]: ~750 words (8% of your grade)

Imagine, if you can, a reader picking up a Christian Bible for the first time and starting to read from the beginning. What difficulties would they encounter as they made their way through the volume? What would you, as a (hopefully!) knowledgeable student, think would be the three most important things for them to know as a first-time reader?

Audience: Someone without any background in the Christian Bible.

QUESTION #2 [SRZ]: ~750 words (8% of your grade)

You have been asked by the editors of the *Davidson Encyclopedia of All Knowledge* (DEAK) to write a dictionary article that introduces the Quran, including its oral aspects, its contents, style and structure, and its various functions within Muslim piety. Your essay should also discuss how Muslims have interpreted it over the centuries. Provide concrete examples in support of your discussion. **NOTE:** The audience for your essay are your peers (i.e., fellow students at Davidson) who have no background in Islam.

QUESTION #3 [SRZ & HGS]: Reflection & Synthesis of SECTION I of our study

What are your 'three big takeaways' from Section I of our study? These takeaways must not be straightforwardly obvious to your classmates (your audience) but must demonstrate a *reflective* and *synthetic* quality, one that goes beyond simply understanding of the material we have studied thus far, and what you have already demonstrated in Questions 1 & 2.

Your 'takeaways' can take the form of an *observation*, emerging *theme*, or/and a *question*, but ideally a combination of all three. **NOTE:** Your audience for this question are your REL 137 classmates. **210 words (4% of your grade)**