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Well-mannered folks regularly refrain from discussing religion over dinner. The reason is plain: on one hand we may disagree vehemently about the topic. On the other hand, we consider religion a very important topic.

Discussions about religion can raise our blood pressure which is bad for digestion.

Yet, given the importance of religion, the subject demands our attention. We must think about it carefully, and determine whether we have good reason to believe that God exists.

In this class we will examine arguments for and against the existence of God. In doing so, we will also explore questions such as: what is the nature of God? Is divine foreknowledge consistent with human freedom? How do we evaluate testimony regarding religious matters? Do reason and logic matter when it comes to religion?