**Religion 131 Homework for March 11 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*Read pp. 165-176* *in the Green Book.* You may find certain sections of this reading to be fairly dense, so please bring any questions that you have about the material to class.

* Today’s PTL reading explores the deeper implications of Christianity’s doctrine of “creation out of nothing” by looking at three summary statements from Langdon Gilkey’s classic book *Maker of Heaven and Earth*. With each of these statements, try to figure out. . .
  + What is the statement *affirming*—and what are the important implications that lurk beneath the surface of what might be a deceptively simple statement?
  + What (non-Christian) viewpoints are *ruled ou*t (at least for Christians) by these statements?
* With the second half of the reading, try to clarify for yourself what the terms “transcendence” and “immanence” mean, as well as how they relate to God as *Creator*. Why are these affirmations important for a correct understanding of the Christian God?
* P, T, and L claim that one of the implications of the Christian view of God and creation is that *faith* transcends reason (see p. 173). Why? Do you agree? Why or why not?

Keep in mind that the *last* option for Paper 1 is due by the time of class on Wednesday, March 13.