**End of Course – Self-Reflection Essay**

In my “What Motivates Me” paper, I talked about how growth defines life, and how purpose is what gives life worth living. For this reflection I will talk more about my efforts in growing myself as a person than about my pursuit for purpose, as the latter is still in progress. Although I have not necessarily “found my purpose” so to say, it is sufficient and honest to state that in the last 6 months of my life, I have, in my personal dealings, come to understand the difference between what sorts of things I value to be purposeful and not purposeful. This is a closer step to pursuing my final goal, which due to its nature, causes me to recognize that the pursuit of purpose may be the goal itself.

That being said, I truly feel that I have grown this quarter. I spent every day and every class period in deep thought, and have changed many opinions and views on different topics. I spent time learning about and discussing important and many times aporeatic (aporea) concepts with a good number of excellent people, many of which provided insights which influenced me in nothing short of a life-changing way. I have learned much about myself this quarter, and I am reinvigorated in my passion to always learn and grow as a person. It is for this reason that I do believe that I have achieved what I set out to do this quarter; I have grown as a person and become more certain as an individual in an incredibly unsure and broken world.

P.S. Thank you Dr. Elder for the chance to take this class. I am very much looking forward to *Teaching Classical Ethics* alongside you later this year in the Fall. Until then, I hope you have a blessed summer, O’ Agathos Nomothete