



CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 204

FINAL EXAMINATION

TIME: TWO HOURS

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PART ONE: (30%)

Choose Two of the following quotations. In each case:
(1) Identify the author (2) Analyze the ideas in the quotation (3) Connect one of those ideas to another idea you have come across this semester.

1. Husseiny looked at him in disgust and scorn and said regretfully, "Can't you see how wickedness prevents you from finding salvation?"
 "It's up to God to lead us"
 Finally despairing of reforming him, Husseiny said, " For the last time I am asking you to leave him or let me get rid of him in peace."
 "No, Mr. Husseiny. I appeal to you to let this matter rest until God shows the way."
2. I heard the reverberation of the river and the puttering of the water pump. Turning to left and right, I found I was half-way between north and south. I was unable to continue, unable to return I moved my feet and arms, violently and with difficulty, until the upper part of my body was above water. Like a comic actor shouting on a stage, I screamed with all my remaining strength, "Help ! Help !"
3. She cheerfully believes these lies [that she is privileged by staying at home] because they invite her to follow the easy slope: in this others commit their worst crime against her; throughout her life from childhood on, they damage and corrupt her by designating as her true vocation this submission, which is the temptation of every existent in the anxiety of liberty.

PART TWO: ESSAY (70%)

The strength or weakness of human reason or the human mind is explored or touched upon by many of the writers you read in CS. 204, from Freud to Hawking to Salih. Choose a few of those writers and explore their treatment of this theme. At the same time, give your own opinion, arguing for or against the ideas of your chosen authors. Be careful to avoid superficiality. You will be graded on your knowledge of the material and the strength of your argument.