

Student Cover Letter

The following paper was assigned in my Honors 2 course. After reading three texts, the book of Genesis, *The Bhagavad-Gita*, and *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, Dr. Brodd assigned an essay concerning the relationship between the divine and humankind. Instead of approaching the essay question in terms of content, I decided to look at the language. I have a growing interest in the philosophy of language. It is my opinion that no text can be properly analyzed without first looking at the nature of language. Language is limited and limiting. It is not sufficient; nonetheless, it is what we have. As the medium of communication, language carries us through thought and emotion to a place where meaning lies just out of reach. Literature reaches up towards meaning but it can never grasp it. Writers graze it with the bullets of language, their target that of understanding. The stuff of literature is the stuff of life. Religious texts are perhaps at the heart of the mechanism which allows for human resilience.

This essay is an exegesis of three religious texts concerning the role of language. I went through three drafts. The first of which is extremely similar to my second. Thus, I have included only the second in this document after my final draft. Dr. Brodd has been instrumental in my revisions. Based on his comments, I reworded phrases, filled in gaps with more analysis, and fixed grammatical errors. This paper was satisfying to write. I appreciate the opportunity to submit this for publishing. I am thankful for any time the Writing and Reading committee puts in to read and consider my paper.

Sincerely,

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