

## Inquiry Question

***Blaise Pascal wondered whether it mattered if (a) God existed or if the belief that (a) God existed was practical. Do you think it matters if (a) God truly exists or is the belief a means to an end?***

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## General Instructions

The idea here is to consider Blaise Pascal's famous wager. Does it really matter if a God exists or is it purely a pragmatic practice to believe in a God?

Review the original argument and the videos from the course to brush up on the concepts of pragmatism and the details of the wager.

There are many counter arguments to Pascal's wager. Research these counter arguments and come up with a few that you find the most compelling.

In any format you want (it can be an interview, you speaking, just be creative) create a podcast where you will introduce Pascal's Wager and run through the counter arguments. Introduce the thinkers who posed the counter arguments and run through their arguments. I want you to decide whether you agree with Pascal or one or all of the counter arguments. Give your reasoning for your choice. Be clear with your terms and concise with your language

Create a 5-minute carefully crafted and well supported podcast using the proper APA format for references.

Hand in a script and your references along with an audio/video file.

Suggested tools:

Record your writing in podcast format using Audacity <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>, GarageBand, iMovie or other recording software with capacity to edit sound. Add either sound effects or music or both to augment your voice reading.

Be sure to export as an mp3 format file and upload here...

### **Free sound effect and music sites:**

1. <https://www.pacdv.com/sounds/>
2. <https://freemusicarchive.org/>
3. <https://free-loops.com/>
4. <http://danosongs.com>
5. <https://incompetech.com>
6. <https://www.seabreezecomputers.com/tips/freemusic.htm#links>

**Materials you'll need:**

- brain
- internet connection
- audio/video recording device
- video/audio editing software
- computer

**Project submission:**

Hand in a script and your references along with an audio/video file.

upload to the Moodle hand in bin.

**Review**

Review the following video from the unit:



**And the following articles:**

["Pascal's Wager about God \\_ Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy"](#)

["Roko's basilisk"](#)

["Pragmatism \\_ Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy"](#)

It is very important to use direct quotes from your sources of information and it is vital that you are following the APA guidelines for your in-text citations as well as your references list at the end of the essay. Review the following course page for details on this:

<https://wcln.ca/mod/page/view.php?id=30739>

Here is another great resource to review for APA formatting:

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/apa\\_style/apa\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/general\\_for\\_mat.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_for_mat.html)