

Homework Questions for 23. May, 2008

(to be turned in; please type your answers and include the questions)

- 1) What influences could prompt a transition in worldview in adulthood?
- 2) How open are you to the worldview you do not embrace?
- 3) Describe your thought processes as you weigh the evidence both for and against embracing a particular worldview.
- 4) Freud argues that religious ideas are “fulfillments of the oldest, strongest and most urgent wishes of mankind. The secret of their strength lies in the strength of these wishes.” Do you believe that theists “wish” for God and that is why they embrace a theistic worldview? Do you believe that naturalists not want a “god” around and that is why they embrace naturalism?
- 5) Do you believe most people’s transition from one worldview to another is primarily intellectual or emotional?
- 6) Do you feel free to turn away from the worldview you currently live by? Explain your thinking.

(Adapted from the discussion guide to the PBS Series, “The Question of God”)