

PHRE 188: Ethics, Section 5
Assignment 1 – Due Tuesday, September 2, 2008

Toward the end of James Rachels' "A Critique of Ethical Egoism," he compares ethical egoism to racism. Briefly, what is Rachels' argument here? How strong of an argument is it? Do you find it more or less compelling than Plato's argument that egoism is, in a sense, "bad for the soul"? Briefly explain.

All assignments should be 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, in a standard 10 or 12 point font (e.g. Times New Roman, Arial), with 1" margins, stapled, and turned in in class on the day they are due. Be sure to address all parts of the assignment. If you do the assignment, you will receive full credit. If your work doesn't follow the instructions of the assignment or doesn't adequately engage with the questions asked, you will receive half or no credit.
