

## Phil 104, First Paper Topic

**Due:** Thursday, February 8, in class, before lecture begins (=9:40).

**Maximum Length:** Three double-spaced pages, 12-point font, one-inch margins

Hume writes:

“Since morals, therefore, have an influence on the actions and affections, it follows, that they cannot be derived from reason; and that because reason alone, as we have already prov’d, can never have such influence.”

Explain, as clearly as you can, Hume’s argument here (including any subsidiary arguments for its premises). Is this argument sound? Why or why not?