

## Philosophy 465: Kant's Moral Philosophy

Interim syllabus:

Oct 18: *Groundwork*, 109-114

Oct 20: 114-118

Oct 25: *Critique of Practical Reason*, 127-139 (in Denis) [concentrate on 127-28 {end of top paragraph}, 134-39]

*ASSIGNMENT: 3 main points, 1 question*

### **Kant on race, nature, development, history, and morality**

Oct 27:

(a) Kant, from Eze, *Race and the Enlightenment: A Reader*: "This fellow was quite black...a clear proof that when he said was stupid." 38-64. This reading does not need to be read closely. Skim it to get the general idea. Some particularly significant passages are the following: 39-40 [beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph]; 55 [paragraph at bottom]-56; 58-59; 61 ["Opinions on the Origin of Blackness"]; 63 [3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph] [WEBSITE]

(b) Thomas Hill, Jr., and Bernard Boxill, "Kant and Race," from Boxill (ed.), *Race and Racism*, 445-471 [WEBSITE]

*\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> paper assignment given out\*\**

**note: on the Website, the 3 readings on race are not in the assigned order**

Nov 1: (continued)

Nov 3: Thomas McCarthy, "Kant on Race and Development," from *Race, Empire, and the Idea of Human Development*, 42-68 [WEBSITE]

*ASSIGNMENT: 3 main points, 1 question*

Nov 8: (continued)

### **Schopenhauer's critique of Kant, and his alternative basis for morality**

Nov 10: Schopenhauer: 14-15 [nasty remarks about Hegel]; Introduction, 43-48  
Lecture: Introduction to Schopenhauer