

## Religion and Politics (Religious Studies 3CC3 / Political Science 3LA3) – Winter 2014

### TEXT PREPARATION 1

**Assignment due in class on February 13\* from some students.**

*\*As noted on the course syllabus: Text Preparation assignments are designed to help you prepare the reading assignment for a particular class, in conjunction with your participation in that class. Thus, these assignments may only be submitted in class on the days they are due. If you have to miss that day's class, please contact the instructor to make alternate arrangements.*

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This assignment is based on:

- Beverley McLachlin, "Freedom of Religion and the Rule of Law. A Canadian Perspective" (pp. 14-34), chapter 2 in Douglas Farrow, *Recognizing Religion in a Secular Society: Essays in Pluralism, Religion, and Public Policy* (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2004). [Print out personal copy from [online edition](#) (by clicking on the link here or on the course syllabus; or by looking up the book in the Library Catalogue) or from book on reserve]

In well-written paragraphs, a total of approximately 600 words, please address the following question with detailed reference to the text:

- How does McLachlin describe "law" and "religion," and how does she characterize the way they relate to each other, or should relate to each other?

Your answer may also include 1-2 questions raised in the reading for further discussion.

As was the case for previous assignments, all your observations in the Text Preparation assignment should be backed up with references that allow your reader to see what they are based on in the text. For this purpose, please use in-text parenthetical page references—for an example of these, see Harvey, *Writing with Sources*, p. 51, under "MLA Basic Rules."

Since McLachlin also sometimes cites sources of her own, be sure to mention those sources when appropriate. Note that when you draw on a source cited within another source, you must give the full citation to the original source (e.g., in a footnote) "as cited in" the source in which you found the material.

Note: Since this is your first reading of this text, and since we have not yet discussed it in class, the Text Preparation assignment is simply a first effort at figuring out what it says, and doing it will help you get the most of our in-class work on the reading. Your fuller understanding will develop in the course of our class meetings, and with successive re-readings.

**\*\*Please print your assignment double-spaced and with one-inch margins, using an 11- or 12-point font. Please number and staple the pages you hand in.**

Please indicate the total word count at the end of your assignment.

*Please keep a copy of your summary to refer to in our discussions in class and tutorial.*

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