

ETH:REL 251-T7
Pennington
Pre-Assignment
Due: First Class

1. Type (and bring to the first class) a three page essay (double spaced, New Times Roman, 12pt) that responds to the question: d' ou tu parles? (From Where Do you Speak?). To answer this question students are REQUIRED to describe their CORE BELIEFS about BUSINESS PRACTICES and the GOAL OF BUSINESSES.

The best way to do this assignment is to describe how people (family, friends, enemies), places (Church [or lack thereof], School, Military, city life/rural town life), and socio-cultural events (sports, art, music, theater, film, literature, etc) have formed your CORE BELIEFS about business practices and the purpose of goal of business. In other words, your task is to write a paper that shows how various individual agents, sociocultural structures, cultural myths and narratives have conditioned you to see, judge, and act a certain way in regard to business practices and the goal or purpose of businesses. As part of this assignment you are REQUIRED to describe your understanding of God/religion (or lack thereof) as well as the ORIGINS of this belief affect how you see, judge, and act as a businessperson. For example, you could describe how you were born into a Catholic, Baptist, Buddhist, Atheist, or Agnostic family. And, that your CORE BELIEFS about business are or are not affected by the your Core Religious Beliefs. Finally, since this is the first piece of writing you will submit to me, the essay should represent your absolute best work in grammar, style, format, structure, flow and, above all, creativity.

2. Read "Vocation of the Business Leader" (found on blackboard) and bring to class a typed SINGLE SPACED one page summary and reflection to class. You are required to conclude your essay with one question that emerged from your reading of the text.