

## Soul Searching

### Post-Case Study Assignment: GRADING RUBRIC

Imagine continuing this conversation between Dari and Malachi. Each student must develop teleological arguments that support positions for and against Dawkins' gene-centric view of human nature and existential purpose.

### Post-Case Study Assignment (due next class)

Each student will submit a single page type-written opinion article on defining what it means to be human based on the case study topic. The article will contain three (3) paragraphs and must not exceed one (1) page (single-spaced).

### CONTENT: Total = 7.5 points

- In the first paragraph, describe Dawkins' gene-centered view of being human. *(2.5 pts)*
  - Humans as gene machines
  - Genes are our reasons for being
- In the second paragraph, describe a non gene-centric way of defining humanness *(2.5 pts)*
  - Humanity is more than the product of genes
  - Complex human attributes such as conscience and the existence of a soul may not be genetically derived.
  - Cultural/religious alternative views are also acceptable.
- For the final paragraph, describe to which view do you subscribe and why. *(2.5 pts)*
  - Clear description of one's opinion based on a competent understanding of the discussed concepts.

### COMPOSITION: Total = 2.5 points

- 3-paragraph structure with organized description of ideas
- Syntax (including grammar and spelling)

**TOTAL POINTS = 10**