Bring a large bluebook on exam day.

The final exam will be in two parts.

1. Connection Questions – based on material covered in class. Use the class outlines (aka Course Handouts) posted on the website to review. Remember we did not use the Chemistry outline except to discuss the periodic chart as an example of the triumph of quantification over essence.

2. Big Essay – Two of the three essay questions below will be on the test. You will be asked to CHOOSE ONE. Your Big Essay will be not less than 50% of the final exam.

- The current debates between professional scientists and modern Christian fundamentalists can be traced back to never-fully-resolved differences in the early Christian synthesis. These differences have resurfaced as major debates within the Christian tradition ever since. Discuss.
- Using the Thomas Kuhn’s model from the Structure of Scientific Revolution describe the early 20th century revolution in physics. Be sure to include discussion of how the understanding of the nature of nature changed in the course of the revolution.
- The current use of neo-Darwinian thinking to explain not only biology but everything from cosmology to human ethical values holds out the possibility of perhaps the first unified conception of knowledge since St. Thomas Aquinas’ Summa Theologica in the 13th Century. Discuss.