

Study Questions: Kahlil Gibran

(1) What religious traditions influenced Kahlil Gibran? How do these influences appear in *The Prophet*?

(2) What is the basic narrative (i.e., storyline) in *the Prophet*?

(3) What is God according to Al-Mustafa? How is God known according to Al-Mustafa? Do you agree with him or disagree? Explain your answer.

(4) What is Al-Mustafa's view of the self and its relationship to God?

(5) Given Al-Mustafa's view on God, what would his attitude be towards religious diversity? Do you agree or disagree with this?

(6) What are Al-Mustafa's views about love, work, pain, self-knowledge, religion, and death? Do you agree with him or disagree? Explain your answer.

(7) What are the mystical elements illustrated in Gibran's *The Prophet*?

(8) If Al-Mustafa, the Prophet, is an allegorical representation of something or someone, what or who might it be? Explain your answer.