**Humanities 1100, Tuesday and Thursday reading schedule**

**“Critical Thinking…” and “Sacredness, Spirituality, and Morality” segments**

The following is a list of the readings that we will discuss on that day, not what will be assigned for homework on that day. I may make minor adjustments as we go. The “Focus Question” is there to help guide your thinking as you read, and something we will discuss in class. The page #s in parentheses correspond to the textbook with the ISBN # 9780738059013. When only one page # is listed, then you are to read the entire section.

**17-Jan, Thursday**

*We Are Our Values,* by Susan L. Anderson, pg. 7

Focus Question: Should we question our values? How can we know if we should discard or keep them?

**22-Jan, Tuesday**

*Reading in a Digital Age,* by Sven Birkerts, pg. 37

Focus Question: Should we work on developing sustained concentration?

**24-Jan, Thursday (Due:** Reflection Journal on one of the above readings**)**

*Introduction to Sacredness*… pg. 789 (791)

Creation Myths, pg. 802-815 (804-817); 831-834 (833-836)

Focus Question:What conclusions can we draw when different people tell different stories about the same thing? Do we need these stories? Can we live without them?

**29-Jan, Tuesday**

Hinduism, pg. 837 (839)

Focus Question:What is the “Self” and how is it realized?

**31-Jan, Thursday**

Buddhism, pg. 853 (855)

Focus Question:What does the Buddha realize?

**5-Feb, Tuesday**

Confucianism, pg. 869 (871)

Taoism, pg. 875 (877)

Focus Question:What does Taoism ask us to be like?

**7-Feb, Thursday**

Judaism, pg. 883-884 (885-886); 885 (887) Genesis ch.15, 17, 22; 892 (894) Exodus ch. 2, 3, 20, 24, 32, 33, 34; 902-910 (904-912)

Focus Question: What is this god like?

**12-Feb, Tuesday**

Christianity, pg. 917 (919)

Focus Question: What evidence or references are there that Jesus is the Messiah? Why are some Jews and Christians convinced that he is or is not the Messiah?

**14-Feb, Thursday**

Islam, pg. 943-957 (945-959) up to Surah 7, 969 (971) Surah 23, 980-982 (982-984)

Focus Question: What are the characteristics of those who believe and those who do not? Is it possible to be in between?

**19-Feb, Tuesday**

American Indian, pg. 827-830 (829-832), 985 (987)

Focus Question: How should we treat the sacred things of others?

Atheism, pg. 995 (997)

Focus Question: Is there anything wrong with atheist beliefs?

**21-Feb, Thursday—Due:** Reflection Journals, 6 entries on readings from the “Sacredness…” section.