

RELIGION 200: RELIGION AND CONTEMPORARY EXPERIENCE: FALL, 1998

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TEXTS: Capra & Steindl-Rast, Belonging to the Universe; Cone, God of the Oppressed; Buber, I and Thou; Christ and Plaskow, Womanspirit Rising; McFague, Models of God

REQUIREMENTS: Five brief essays, 20%; 3 tests, 60%; 1 paper, 20%

I. RELIGION AND CONTEMPORARY SCIENCE

- Th, Aug 27 Getting acquainted; introductory discussion
Tu, Sep 1 BTU, pts I & II
Th, Sep 3 Oliver lecture, "Science and Religion: Starting with Wonder"
Tu, Sep 8 BTU, pts III & IV
Th, Sep 10 Essay: How can one be both "religious" and "scientific?" Address your essay to either: a) a literal-Bible-believing fundamentalist or (b) a skeptical, agnostic scientist.
Tu, Sep 15 BTU, pt V

II. LIBERATION THEOLOGY

- Th, Sep 17 GOTO, parts I, II, III
Tu, Sep 22 GOTO, parts IV, V, VI
Th, Sep 24 film on liberation theology
Tu, Sep 29 GOTO, parts VII, VIII
Th, Oct 1 GOTO, parts IX, X; Essay: How is evil built into social structures, and what can people of faith do About evil?
Tu, Oct 6 TEST # 1

III. GOD IN RELATIONSHIP

- Th, Oct 8 IAT, prologue, pp. 5-50
Tu, Oct 13 SEMESTER BREAK; NO CLASS
Th, Oct 15 IAT, First Part, pp. 51-86
Tu, Oct 20 IAT, Second Part, pp. 87-122
Th, Oct 22 IAT, Third Part and Afterword, pp. 123-182
Tu, Oct 27 Essay: Tell a story of how you have encountered God in relationship

IV. FEMINIST THEOLOGY

- Th, Oct 29 WR, I: Saiving, Ruether, Daly
Tu, Nov 3 WR, II: Collins, Tribble, Fiorenza, McLaughlin, Pagels
Th, Nov 5 WR, III: Fiorenza, Collins, Morton
Tu, Nov 10 WR, IV: Plaskow, Daly, Washbourn, Starhawk
Th, Nov 12 Essay: How are religions oppressive of women? How should we bring the feminine emphasis into Religion?
Tu, Nov 17 Review, discussion, preparing for test, etc.
Th, Nov 19 TEST # 2

V. IMAGINING GOD

- Tu, Nov 24 MOG Part One, pp. 3-50
Th, Nov 26 THANKSGIVING BREAK
Tu, Dec 1 MOG chs 4, 5, 6 **TERM PAPERS DUE – penalty for lateness**
Th, Dec 3 Essay: Imagine, and explore, a model of God that is **different from** both the traditional Jewish-Christian male God **and** different from any of McFague's models.
Tu, Dec 8 Last class day: discussion
MON, DEC. 14, 7:00 – 10:00 P.M. – TEST # 3

