

RELIGION 150: Sacred Scriptures of World Religions – Fall, 2000

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Texts: Novak, ed., The World's Wisdom: Sacred Texts of the World's Religions; class handouts; materials on library reserve for Religion 150; several in-class films

Requirements: 3 tests and one term paper, each counting 25%. Term paper is to be on a theme from the scriptures of a religious tradition different from your own. Attendance is expected; each unexcused absence over 2 will deduct 2 points from final average. All work is under the Honor Code.

Use the Web for information on the religions. A good start is www.beliefnet.com.

Schedule: For each section, read assigned chapters in The World's Wisdom (WW); consult Web and materials on library reserve for Rel. 150; you will receive outlines on the several religions in class.

I. HINDUISM

WW, Chapter One

Th, Aug 31
Tu, Sep 5
Th, Sep 7
Tu, Sep 12

II. BUDDHISM

WW, Chapter Two

Th, Sep 14
Tu, Sep 19
Th, Sep 21
Tu, Sep 26
Tu, Sep 28: Test # 1

III. CONFUCIANISM AND TAOISM

WW, Chapters Three and Four

Tu, Oct 3
Th, Oct 5
Tu, Oct 10
Th, Oct 12 **Term paper theses, draft outlines, and bibliographies due**

IV. JUDAISM

WW, Chapter Five

Tu, Oct 17 – mid-semester break, no class
Th, Oct 19
Tu, Oct 24
Th, Oct 26
Tu, Oct 31: Test # 2 (HAPPY HALLOWEEN!)

V. CHRISTIANITY

WW, Chapter Six

Th, Nov 2
Tu, Nov 7
Th, Nov 9
Tu, Nov 14

VI. ISLAM

WW, Chapter Seven

Th, Nov 16
Tu, Nov 21
Th, Nov 23 – Thanksgiving break, no class
Tu, Nov 28
Th, Nov 30 **Term papers due, at class time (penalty for lateness)**

VII. PRIMAL RELIGIONS

WW, Chapter Eight

Tu, Dec 5
Th, Dec 7
Tu, Dec 12
Mon, Dec. 18, 9 – 12 a.m.: Test # 3

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