

OUTLINE OF TOPICS AND READINGS

- I. Introduction and Orientation: Significant Background Themes
- II. Religion: A Unique Entity -- the Holy as Depth Dimension
Suggested Reading: R. Otto, THE IDEA OF THE HOLY
- III. Religion as Ultimate Concern
Reading: Paul Tillich, DYNAMICS OF FAITH
- IV. Personal Characteristics of Religion
Reading: Martin Buber, I AND THOU
- V. A Dominant Chapter in Twentieth Century Christian Thought: From Karl Barth to Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Beyond
- VI. The Hope School
Suggested Reading: W. Capps, HOPE AGAINST HOPE
- VII. New Catholic Theology: Revival of the Contemplative Tradition
Reading: Thomas Merton, SEVEN STOREY MOUNTAIN
- VIII. Phenomenology of Religion
Reading: Mircea Eliade, THE SACRED AND THE PROFANE
- IX. Contemporary Western Mystical Awareness
Reading: Ernesto Cardenal, TO LIVE IS TO LOVE
- X. Summary, Conclusions, and Projections

EXAMINATIONS*

- 1) Mid-Term Exam (on materials covered prior to this date), Thursday - October 19.
- 2) Final Exam (on materials covered between the time of the mid-term and the end of the course, with a large summary question over the entire course), December 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

* A portion of the Final Examination can be submitted in advance, according to a procedure to be described on the first day of class.

Religious Studies 103
Contemporary Trends in Religious Thought
Professor Walter H. Capps
Tu/Th 9:30-10:45
Geology 1100

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- Sept. 26&28: Introduction and Orientation
Significant Background Themes
- Oct. 3&5: Religion: A Unique Entity
The Holy as Depth Dimension
Suggested reading:
R. Otto, The Idea of the Holy
- Oct. 10&12: Religion as Ultimate Concern
Reading:
P. Tillich Dynamics of Faith
- Oct. 17& 19:
Reading:
M. Buber I and Thou
- Oct 24&26: ~~Karl~~ Karl Barth to Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Oct. 31: Midterm
- Nov. 2&7: New Catholic Theology
Revival of the Contemplative Tradition
Reading:
T. Merton Seven Story Mountain
- Nov. 9&14: The Hope School
Suggested reading:
W. Capps Hope Against Hope
- Nov. 16&21: Primordia and Archetypes
Phenomenology of Religion
Reading:
M. Eliade The Sacred and the Profane
- Nov. 23: Thanksgiving
- Nov. 28&30: Contemporary Mystical Awareness
Summary and Conclusions
Reading:
E. Cardenal To Live Is To Love
- Dec. 7:
(11am-2pm) Final

<p>(1) Sept. 27 "Introduction & Orientation"</p>	<p>Sept. 29 "Significant Background Themes"</p>
<p>(2) Oct. 4 "Religion: A Unique Entity" Read: R. Otto THE IDEA OF THE HOLY Chaps. 1-6, 14, 17, 21.</p>	<p>Oct. 6 "The Holy as Depth Dimension" Read: R. Otto (cont.) & P. Tillich DYNAMICS OF FAITH</p>
<p>(3) Oct. 11 "Religion as Ultimate Concern" Read: Tillich (cont.)</p>	<p>Oct. 13 "C.G. Jung: A Preview of Themes to Come" Read: MEMORIES, DREAMS REFLECTIONS</p>
<p>(4) Oct. 18 "Karl Barth to Dietrich Bonhoeffer"</p>	<p>Oct. 20 MID-TERM EXAMINATION</p>
<p>(5) Oct. 25 "Bonhoeffer Influences: Secular City, Death of God, the 60's"</p>	<p>Oct. 27 "New Catholic Theology: The Religious as Pre-Reflective"</p>
<p>(6) Nov. 1 "New Catholic Theology: Vatican II"</p>	<p>Nov. 3 "The Hope School" Read: Capps HOPE AGAINST HOPE Chaps. 3, 7.</p>
<p>(7) Nov. 8 "The Hope School, cont." Reading continued</p>	<p>Nov. 10 "Phenomenology of Religion" Read: Eliade THE SACRED & THE PROFANE</p>