

Person Course.
of Western Civ. & Rel. Studies
Religious Studies 363) Western Phil.
Western Religious Thought: Modern Period

Two Biases:
1) Original Sources
2) a good variety of ~~text~~

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Course description: Lectures and discussion of the principal figures, trends and issues in religious thought in the Western world from the early Reformation period into the contemporary era.

Course outline:

- I. Background, Introduction: The Breakdown of the Scholastic Synthesis.
- II. The Early Reformation: The Thought of Martin Luther.
- III. Integrating Reformation Affirmations: The Institutes of John Calvin.
- IV. A Critique of Orthodoxy: Kant's Religion within Reason's Limits.
- V. A Quest for the Locus of Religion: Schleiermacher's Theology of Feeling
- VI. The Existentialist Intrusion: The Thought of Soren Kierkegaard.
- VII. Contemporary Trends: Neo-orthodoxy, Naturalism, Process Phenomenology.

D. L. Lenzinger
Intro. p xi-xxxiii -
Freedom of the Will pp. 42-85
Two kinds of Righteousness 86-96
Secular Authority -
pp. 363-402
Ninety-five Theses 400-500

Class Assignment:

1. Attendance at all lectures and class meetings.
2. Readings, as assigned, in Luther, Calvin, Kant, Schleiermacher, Kierkegaard.
3. Examinations (one hour, in class) following the completion of Sections III and IV in the course outline. Two exams -
4. A short paper (8 to 12 pages, due May 24) in lieu of the final exam, on the following topic: "Is Existentialism* a return to the Reformation? An escape from Kant's critical work? A new stance?" Discuss one or more of these comparative alternatives.

Note Bibliography in back of book - 400-500

*In place of "Existentialism", one could substitute the term "Karl Barth" and/or "Neo-orthodoxy," or other contemporary positions as approved by your instructor.

Book Reports:

- 1) Luther - Erik Erikson. Young man Luther. - Overbeck
see review in Journal for Scientific Study of Religion
Vol. II, No. 2, 1963.
- 2) Kant - Kromer, Kant's Weltanschauung.
- 3) Zwingli -
- 4) Richard Hooker -