

# ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## MCSI 504 MISSIONARY ENCOUNTER WITH WORLD RELIGIONS

Harvie M. Conn, Th.M., Litt.D.

Independent Studies Program

### COURSE SYLLABUS

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to the theology of religions. A biblical theology of religions is developed, against the background of extensive study of current models of approach. Using major religious systems as examples, five characteristics of all religions are sketched. Some practical suggestions for evangelistic approach are proposed.

#### OBJECTIVES

- A. Appreciate the need for skill in encountering world religions.
- B. Understand major concepts in religious encounter, including:
  - 1. The concept of eleticics.
  - 2. The qualities of a biblical missionary encounter.
  - 3. Various definitions of "religion."
  - 4. The background of contemporary models of encounter.
  - 5. Contemporary models of encounter.
  - 6. A basic biblical theology of religions.
  - 7. The five magnetic points of religions.
- C. Evaluate contemporary models of religious encounter.
- D. Develop a biblical theology of religions.
- E. Associate significant persons with their models of religious encounter.
- F. Analyze religions according to their five magnetic points.

#### TEXTBOOKS

Please note that the readings are listed here in their totality and in alphabetical order. Directions as to when the various materials should be read are found at appropriate places in the programmed syllabus.

Alexander, P., ed., *Eerdmans' Handbook to the World's Religions*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994.

Bavinck, J.H. *An Introduction to the Science of Missions*. Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publ. Co., 1992.

\*Bosch, David. "The Church in Dialogue: From Self-Delusion to Vulnerability." Missiology, Vol. XVI, No. 2 (April, 1988): 131-147.

\*DeRidder, Richard R. "God and the Gods: Reviewing the Biblical Roots." Missiology, Vol. VI, No.1 (January, 1978): 11-28.

\*"Guidelines on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies." Occasional Bulletin of Missionary Research, Vol. 3, No. 4 (October, 1979): 160-162.

Hick, John and Brian Hebbelthwaite, eds. *Christianity and Other Religions*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1980.

Knitter, Paul. *No Other Name? A Critical Survey of Christian Attitudes Toward the World Religions*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1985, pp. 171-231.

\*Schrotenboer, Paul. "Inter-Religious Dialogue." Evangelical Review of Theology, Vol. 12, No. 3 (July, 1988): 208-225.

\*Wright, Christopher J.H. "The Christian and Other Religions: the Biblical Evidence." Themelios, Vol. 9, No. 2 (January, 1984): 4-15.

\*ALL REQUIRED ARTICLE READINGS (except the Alexander, Bavinck, Hick, and Knidder texts) ARE INCLUDED IN THE STUDENT MATERIALS. You do not need to acquire any articles separately.

### **COURSE LECTURER**

Harvie M. Conn Litt.D., Westminster Theological Seminary (deceased)

Dr. Harvie Conn (deceased) was Professor of Missions and Director of the Urban Missions Program at Westminster Theological Seminary. He also served as editor of *Urban Mission* while at Westminster. Dr. Conn was a missionary to Korea for thirteen years. He is author/editor of numerous publications, including *Planting and Growing Urban Churches: From Dream to Reality*, *Evangelism: Doing Justice and Preaching Grace*, *A Clarified Vision for Urban Mission*, and *Theological Perspectives for Church Growth*. His education credentials are:

Calvin College, B.A.

Westminster Theological Seminary, B.A.

Westminster Theological Seminary, ThM.

Geneva College, Litt.D.

## **METHODOLOGY**

The Independent Studies Program provides the opportunity to study selected subjects at a distance without attending classes. Individuals taking an independent studies course use:

- a set of required textbooks,
- a lecture series on cassette tapes,
- a study guide and a set of specific course assignments.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. Programmed Lesson Plans (45% of grade):**  
The student is expected to submit satisfactory response to the assignments in this programmed lesson booklet. These will be due following lectures 6, 16, and 24.
- 2. Final Examination (25% of grade):**  
One examination will be given, covering all the content of the lectures. No books or notes, other than a Bible, may be used during the taking of the examination.
- 3. Missionary Encounter Paper (25% of grade):**  
The student should write a fifteen-page (approximately) paper in preparation for a missionary encounter anticipated in ministry. If the student has chosen an international field of service, the student should evaluate a religion particular to that field. If the student will remain in his/her "native" environment, or is undecided about a field of service, then the student should evaluate some religious element of the native culture or of a field in which s/he has interest.

The paper should consist of two parts: 1) A summary of the student's biblical theology of religions, and 2) An evaluation of how that biblical theology relates to the anticipated religious encounter. The second part should include both an analysis of that religion and specific ministry plans for a missionary encounter. The length of the sections is at the student's discretion, as long as the elements are appropriately covered.

Both parts will draw upon material from Dr. Conn, but should demonstrate integration of Dr. Conn's material into the rest of the student's theological understanding. More importantly, the paper should be very concrete regarding application of the biblical theology to the missionary encounter situation.

### **Use of the Programmed Lesson Plans:**

Each lesson has a corresponding assignment sheet. Unless otherwise indicated, the first assignment on each sheet is a reading assignment. This assignment (designated "1") is to be completed before listening to the taped lecture. The other questions may be done after the lecture.

## **INTERACTIVITY ASSIGNMENT**

To fulfill the interactivity assignment for your course, do the following:

1. Register with the online forum at [www.ITScourses.org](http://www.ITScourses.org) to receive your user name and password.
2. Post an original answer to each interactivity question for your course (2 questions – 75 word minimum each).
3. Reply to one answer given to each question (75 word minimum).
4. Submit to AGTS a document containing:
  - a. The questions of the forum,
  - b. Your original answers to the questions,
  - c. Your replies to other students' answers, and
  - d. The students' answers to which you replied.

NOTE: Since the questions often synthesize the course, you should complete this assignment at the end of your course work.

## **COURSE GRADING**

Interactivity Assignment	5%
Programmed Lesson Plans	45%
Final Examination	25%
Missionary Encounter Paper	25%

## **GRADING PROCEDURE**

All course requirements are to be sent to:

AGTS  
Office of Continuing Education  
1435 N Glenstone  
Springfield, MO 65802

## **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

### **General Bibliographies**

David, S. Immanuel, ed. Christianity and the Encounter with Other Religions: A Select Bibliography. Bangalore, India: United Theological College, 1988.

Pedersen, Paul D., ed. Missions and Evangelism: A Bibliography Selected from the ATLA Religion Database. Chicago: American Theological Library Association, 1985.

Shermis, Michael. Jewish-Christian Relations: An Annotated Bibliography and Resource Guide. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1988.

Turner, Harold W. Bibliography of New Religious Movements in Primal Societies. 2 vols. Boston: G.K. Hall, 1977, 1978.

\_\_\_\_\_ and R. Mitchell. A Bibliography of Modern African Religious Movements. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press, 1966.

Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. Christian Faith Amidst Religious Pluralism: An Introductory Bibliography. Richmond, VA: the Library, Union Theological Seminary, 1980.

### **Reference Works**

Adams, Charles, ed. A Reader's Guide to the Great Religions. New York: Free Press, 1965.

Barrett, David B., ed. World Christian Encyclopedia: A Comparative Study of Churches and Religions in the Modern World, A.D. 1900-2000. New York: Oxford University Press, 1982.

Brandon, S.G.F., ed. Dictionary of Comparative Religion. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1970.

Crim, Keith, ed. Abingdon Dictionary of Living Religions. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1981. Reprinted in 1989 under the title, The Perennial Dictionary of World Religions (San Francisco: Harper and Row).

Eliade, Mircea, ed. Encyclopedia of Religion. 16 vols. New York: Macmillan, 1987.

al Faruqi, Isma'ill Ragi A., ed. Historical Atlas of the Religions of the World. New York: Macmillan, 1974.

Klenicki, Leon and Geoffrey Widoger, eds. A Dictionary of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue. Ramsey, NJ: Paulist Press, 1984.

Neill, Stephen, Gerald H. Anderson and John Goodwin, eds. Concise Dictionary of the Christian World Mission. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1971.

Weekes, Richard V., ed. Muslim Peoples: A World Ethnographic Survey. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1978.

### **World Religions: Comprehensive Texts**

Anderson, J.N.D., ed. The World's Religions. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1950.

Braswell, George, Jr. Understanding World Religions. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1983.

Buhmann, Walbert. The Search for God: An Encounter with the Peoples and Religions of Asia. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1980.

Corwin, Charles. East to Eden? Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1972.

Cragg, Kenneth. Christianity in World Perspective. New York: Oxford University Press, 1968.

Danielou, Jean. Great Religions. Notre Dame, IN: Fides Publishers, 1964.

Fry, C. George, James King, Eugene Swanger and Herbert Wolf. Great Asian Religions. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1984.

Jurji, E.J. The Great Religions of the Modern World. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1946.

Kitagawa, Joseph M. Religions of the East. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1960.

Kraemer, Hendrik. World Cultures and World Religions. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1960.

Neill, Stephen. Christian Faith and Other Faiths. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1984.

Parrinder, Geoffrey, ed. Religions of the World. New York: Grosset and Dunlap, 1971.

Severy, Merle, ed. Great Religions of the World. Washington: National Geographic Society, 1971.

Smith, Huston. The Religions of Man. New York: Harper and Row, n.d.

### **General Christian Approach Theories**

Aldwinckle, Russell. Jesus — A Saviour or the Saviour? Religious Pluralism in Christian Perspective. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 1982.

Anderson, Gerald H. and Thomas Stransky, eds. Christ's Lordship and Religious Pluralism. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1981.

\_\_\_\_\_. Faith Meets Faith. Mission Trends No. 5. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1981.

Bavinck, J.H. An Introduction to the Science of Missions. Philadelphia: Presbyterian and Reformed Publ. Co., 1960.

Buhmann, Walbert. God's Chosen Peoples. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1982.

Camps, Arnulf. Partners in Dialogue. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1983.

- Cobb, John B., Jr. Christ in a Pluralist Age. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1975.
- Coward, Harold. Pluralism: Challenge to World Religions. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1985.
- Cox, Harvey. Many Mansions: A Christian's Encounter with Other Faiths. Boston: Beacon Press, 1988.
- Cracknell, Kenneth. Towards a New Relationship: Christians and People of Other Faiths. London: Epworth Press, 1986.
- Davis, Charles. Christ and the World Religions. New York: Herder and Herder, 1971.
- Dawe, Donald G. and John B. Carman, eds. Christian Faith in a Religiously Plural World. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1978.
- D'Costa, Gavin. Theology and Religious Pluralism: The Challenge of Other Religions. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1986.
- \_\_\_\_\_, ed. Christian Uniqueness Reconsidered: The Myth of a Pluralistic Theology of Religions. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1990.
- Dewick, E.C. The Christian Attitude to Other Religions. London: Cambridge University Press, 1963.
- Drummond, Richard. Towards a New Age in Christian Theology. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1985.
- Fernando, Ajith. The Christian's Attitude toward World Religions. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House, 1987.
- Hallencreutz, Carl. Kraemer Towards Tambaram: A Study in Hendrik Kraemer's Missionary Approach. Uppsala: Gleerup, 1966.
- \_\_\_\_\_. New Approaches to Men of Other Faiths, 1938-1968: A Theological Discussion. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1970.
- Heim, S. Mark. Is Christ the Only Way? Christian Faith in a Pluralist World. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1985.
- Hick, John. God and the Universe of Faiths. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1973.
- \_\_\_\_\_. God Has Many Names: Britain's New Religious Pluralism. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1982.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and Brian Hebblethwaite, eds. Christianity and Other Religions: Selected Readings. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1980.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and Paul Knitter, eds. The Myth of Christian Uniqueness: Towards a Pluralistic Theology of Religions. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1987.
- Hillman, Eugene. Many Paths: A Catholic Approach to Religious Pluralism. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1989.
- Knitter, Paul. No Other Name? A Critical Survey of Christian Attitudes Toward the World Religions. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1985.
- Koyama, Kosuke. Mount Fuji and Mount Sinai: a Critique of Idols. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1984.
- Kraemer, Hendrik. The Christian Message in a Non-Christian World. London: James Clarke and Co., 1938, 1961.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Religion and the Christian Faith. London: Lutterworth Press, 1956.
- Kung, Hans and Jurgen Moltmann, eds. Christianity Among World Religions. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1986.
- Martinson, Paul V. A Theology of World Religions: Interpreting God, Self and World in Semitic, Indian and Chinese Thought. Minneapolis: Augsburg Publ. House, 1987.
- Maurier, Henri. The Other Covenant: A Theology of Paganism. New York: Newman Press, 1968.
- Moses, D.G. Religious Truth and the Relation Between Religions. Madras: Christian Literature Society, 1950.
- Newbigin, Lesslie. The Gospel in a Pluralistic Society. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, and Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1989.
- Race, Alan. Christians and Religious Pluralism. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1983.
- Rupp, George. Christologies and Cultures: Towards a Typology of Religious Worldviews. The Hague: Mouton, 1974.
- Smith, Wilfred Cantwell. The Meaning and End of Religion. New York: Harper and Row, 1963.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Questions of Religious Truth. New York: Scribner's, 1967.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Towards a World Theology. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1981.
- Song, C.S. The Compassionate God. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1982.

Sookhdeo, Patrick, ed. Jesus Christ The Only Way: Christian Responsibility in a Multicultural Society. Exeter: Paternoster Press, 1978.

Swidler, Leonard, ed. Toward a Universal Theology of Religion. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1987.

Thomas, M.M. Risking Christ for Christ's Sake: Towards an Ecumenical Theology of Pluralism. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1987.

Tillich, Paul. Christianity and the Encounter of the World Religions. New York: Columbia University Press, 1963.

Toynbee, Arnold. Christianity Among the Religions of the World. New York: Charles Scribner's and Sons, 1957.

Van Leeuwen, Arend. Christianity in World History. London: Edinburgh House Press, 1966.

Vroom, Hendrik. Religions and the Truth: Philosophical Reflections and Perspectives. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989.

Young, Robert D. Encounter with World Religions. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1970.

### **Problem of Syncretism**

Allen, E.L. Christianity Among the Religions. Boston: Beacon Press, 1960.

Hick, John, ed. Truth and Dialogue in World Religions: Conflicting Truth Claims. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1974.

Kraemer, Hendrik. Why Christianity of All Religions? London: Lutterworth Press, 1962.

Neill, Stephen. The Supremacy of Jesus. London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1984.

Newbigin, Lesslie. The Finality of Christ. London: SCM Press, 1969.

Thomas, M.M. Man and the Universe of Faiths. Madras: Christian Literature Society, 1975.

Visser't Hooft, W.A. No Other Name: The Choice Between Syncretism and Christian Universalism. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1963.

### **Dialogue**

Amaladoss, Michael. Making All Things New: Dialogue, Pluralism and Evangelization in Asia. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1990.

- Fu, Charles W. and Gerhard Spiegler, eds. Religious Issues and Interreligious Dialogues: An Analysis and Sourcebook of Developments Since 1945. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1989.
- Gort, Jerald D. et al, eds. Dialogue and Syncretism: An Interdisciplinary Approach. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990.
- Hallencreutz, Carl. Dialogue and Community: Ecumenical Issues in Inter-Religious Relationships. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1977.
- Kerkhofs, Jan, ed. Modern Mission Dialogue. Shannon: Ecclesia Press, 1968.
- Kung, Hans et al. Christianity and the World Religions: Paths of Dialogue with Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1986.
- Lochhead, David. The Dialogical Imperative: A Christian Reflection on Interfaith Encounter. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1988.
- Pannikar, Raimundo. The Intrareligious Dialogue. Ramsey, NJ: Paulist Press, 1978.
- Rousseau, Richard W., ed. Interreligious Dialogue: Facing the Next Frontier. Montrose, PA: Ridge Row Press, 1981.
- Samartha, Stanley J. Courage for Dialogue: Ecumenical Issues in Inter-Religious Relationships. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1982.
- \_\_\_\_\_, ed. Dialogue Between Men of Living Faiths. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1971.
- \_\_\_\_\_, ed. Living Faiths and the Ecumenical Movement. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1971.
- \_\_\_\_\_, ed. Living Faiths and Ultimate Goals. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1975.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Towards World Community. The Colombo Papers. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1975.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Faith in the Midst of Faiths. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1975.
- Sheard, Robert B. Interreligious Dialogue in the Catholic Church Since Vatican II: an Historical and Theological Study. Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 1987.
- World Council of Churches. Guidelines on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1979.

## **Christianity and African Religions**

- Adeyemo, Tokumboh. Salvation in African Tradition. Nairobi, Kenya: Evangel Publ. House, 1979.
- Dickson, Kwesi. Theology in Africa. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1984.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and Paul Ellingworth, eds. Biblical Revelation and African Beliefs. London: Lutterworth Press, 1969.
- Donovan, Vincent. Christianity Rediscovered: An Epistle from the Masai. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1982.
- Gehman, Richard J. Doing African Christian Theology: An Evangelical Perspective. Nairobi, Kenya: Evangel Publ. House, 1987.
- Idowu, E. Bolaji. African Traditional Religion: A Definition. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1973.
- Imasogie, Osadolor. Guidelines for Christian Theology in Africa. Pasadena: William Carey Library, 1982.
- Kato, Byang. Theological Pitfalls in Africa. Kisumu, Kenya: Evangel Publ. House, 1975.
- Mbiti, John. New Testament Eschatology in an African Background: A Study of the Encounter between New Testament Theology and African Traditional Concepts. London: Oxford University Press, 1971.
- \_\_\_\_\_. African Religions and Philosophy. Garden City, NY: Doubleday Anchor Books, 1970.
- Northcott, Cecil. Christianity in Africa. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1963.
- Oosterwal, Gottfried. Modern Messianic Movements. Elkhart, IN: Institute of Mennonite Studies, 1973.
- Oosthuizen, G.C. Post-Christianity in Africa. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1968.
- Parrinder, Geoffrey. Africa's Three Religions. London: Sheldon Press, 1976.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Religion in an African City. London: Oxford University Press, 1953.
- Ray, Benjamin. African Religions. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1976.
- Shorter, Aylward. African Christian Theology: Adaptation or Incarnation? Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1977.

Taylor, John V. The Primal Vision: Christian Presence Amid African Religion. London: SCM Press, 1963.

\_\_\_\_\_, ed. Primal World-Views: Christian Involvement in Dialogue with Traditional Thought Forms. Ibadan, Nigeria: Daystar Press, 1976.

Westermann, D. Africa and Christianity. London: Oxford University Press, 1937.

### **Christianity and Animism**

Ahern, Emily. The Cult of the Dead in a Chinese Village. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1973.

Burnett, David. Unearthly Powers: A Christian Perspective on Primal and Folk Religions. Eastbourne, East Sussex: MARC/Monarch Publications, 1988.

Harris, W.T. and E.G. Parrinder. The Christian Approach to the Animist. London: Edinburgh House Press, 1960.

Jordan, David K. Gods, Ghosts and Ancestors. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1972.

Lee, J.Y. Korean Shamanistic Rituals. The Hague: Mouton, 1981.

Lowie, Robert H. Primitive Religion. London: Peter Owen, Ltd., 1952.

Nida, Eugene and William Smalley. Introducing Animism. New York: Friendship Press, 1959.

Steyne, Philip M. Gods of Power. Houston: Torch Publications, 1989.

Tippett, Alan. "Possessing the Philosophy of Animism for Christ." Crucial Issues in Missions Tomorrow, D.A. McGavran, ed. Chicago: Moody Press, 1972, pp. 125-143.

\_\_\_\_\_. Introduction to Missiology. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1987.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Evangelization Among Animists." Let the Earth Hear His Voice, J.D. Douglas, ed. Minneapolis: World Wide Publications, 1975, pp. 844-855.

### **Christianity and Buddhism**

Appleton, George. The Christian Approach to the Buddhist. London: Edinburgh House Press, 1958.

\_\_\_\_\_. On the Eightfold Path: Christian Presence Amid Buddhism. London: SCM Press, 1961.

Callaway, Tucker. Zen Way — Jesus Way. Rutland, VT: Charles F. Tuttle Co., 1976.

- Chang, Lit-sen. Zen-Existentialism. Philadelphia: Presbyterian and Reformed Publ. Co., 1969.
- Cobb, John B., Jr. Beyond Dialogue: Toward a Mutual Transformation of Christianity and Buddhism. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1982.
- Covell, Ralph. Confucius, the Buddha and Christ: A History Of the Gospel in Chinese. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1986.
- Cupitt, Don. Taking Leave of God. New York: Crossroad, 1981.
- DeSilva, Lynn A. The Problem of the Self in Buddhism and Christianity. New York: Barnes and Noble, 1979.
- Drummond, Richard H. Gautama the Buddha: An Essay in Religious Understanding. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1974.
- Fox, Douglas. The Vagrant Lotus. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1973.
- Graham, Dom Aelrod. Conversations Christian and Buddhist: Encounters in Japan. New York: Harcourt, Brace and World, Inc., 1968.
- Johnston, William. Christian Zen. New York: Harper and Row, 1971.
- \_\_\_\_\_. The Inner Eye of Love. New York: Harper and Row, 1978.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Silent Music. New York: Harper and Row, 1974.
- Keenan, John P. The Meaning of Christ: A Mahayana Theology. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1989.
- King, Winston. Buddhism and Christianity. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1962.
- Latourette, Kenneth Scott. Introducing Buddhism. New York: Friendship Press, 1956.
- Niles, D.T. Buddhism and the Claims of Christ. Richmond, VA: John Knox Press, 1967.
- Pannikar, Raimundo. The Silence of God: The Answer of the Buddha. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1989.
- Pieris, Aloysius. Love Meets Wisdom: A Christian Experience of Buddhism. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1989.
- Spae, Joseph J. Buddhist-Christian Empathy. Chicago: The Chicago Institute of Theology and Culture, 1980.
- Suzuki, D.T. Mysticism: Christian and Buddhist. London: Allen and Unwin, 1957.

Swearer, Donald K. Buddhism In Transition. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1970.

Takizawa, Katsume. Buddhism and Christianity. Tokyo: Hozokan, 1964.

Waldenfals, Hans. Absolute Nothingness: Foundations for a Buddhist-Christian Dialogue. New York: Paulist Press, 1980.

Yamamoto, J. Isamu. Beyond Buddhism. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1982.

### **Christianity, China and Confucianism**

Ching, Julia. Confucianism and Christianity. New York: Kodansha International, 1977.

\_\_\_\_\_ and Hans Kung. Christianity and Chinese Religions. New York: Doubleday, 1989.

Rupp, George. Beyond Existentialism and Zen Religion in a Pluralistic World. New York: Oxford University Press, 1979.

Wu, John C.J. Chinese Humanism and Christian Spirituality. Jamaica, NY: St. John's University Press, 1965.

Yang, C.K. Religion in Chinese Society. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1961.

Yang, Y.C. China's Religious Heritage. Nashville: Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1943.

Yeh, T.T. Confucianism, Christianity and China. New York: Philosophical Library, 1969.

### **Christianity and Hinduism**

Ahmad-Shah, E. Theology — Christian and Hindu. Lucknow: Lucknow Publ. House, 1971.

Braybrooke, Marcus. Together to the Truth: Developments in Hindu and Christian Thought Since 1800. Delhi: S.P.C.K., 1971.

Coward, Harold, ed. Hindu-Christian Dialogue: Perspectives and Encounters. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1989.

Devanandan, Paul D. The Christian Concern in Hinduism. Bangalore: Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society, 1961.

Farquhar, J.N. The Crown of Hinduism. London: Oxford University Press, 1930.

\_\_\_\_\_. Modern Religious Movements in India. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1915.

Griffiths, Bede. Christian Ashram. London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 1966.

- \_\_\_\_\_. Christ in India. New York: Scribners, 1967.
- \_\_\_\_\_. The Marriage of East and West. London: Collins Found., 1982.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Vedanta and Christian Faith. Dawn Horse Press, 1973.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Return to the Center. London: Collins, 1978.
- Hogg, A.G. The Christian Message to the Hindu. New York: The Macmillan Press, 1974.
- Hooker, Roger H. Themes in Hinduism and Christianity: A Comparative Study. New York and Bern: Peter Lang, 1989.
- Klostermaier, Klaus. Hindu and Christian in Vrindaban. London: SCM Press, 1969.
- Kulandram, Sabapathy. Grace: A Comparative Study of the Doctrine in Christianity and Hinduism. London: Lutterworth Press, 1964.
- McGavran, Donald A. Ethnic Realities and the Church: Lessons from India. South Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1979.
- Mattam, Joseph. Land of the Trinity: A Study of Modern Christian Approaches to Hinduism. Bangalore: Theological Publications in India, 1975.
- Pannikar, Raimundo. The Unknown Christ of Hinduism: Toward an Ecumenical Christophany. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1981.
- Parrinder, Geoffrey. Upanishads, Gita and Bible. New York: Harper Torchbooks, 1972.
- Robinson, John A. Truth is Two-Eyes. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1979.
- Samartha, Stanley J. The Hindu Response to the Unbound Christ. Madras: Christian Literature Society, 1974.
- Schweitzer, Albert. Indian Thought and Its Development. London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1936.
- Sharpe, Eric. Faith Meets Faith: Some Christian Attitudes to Hinduism in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries. London: SCM Press, 1977.
- Soper, E.D. The Inevitable Choice: Vedanta Philosophy or the Christian Gospel. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1957.
- Stewart, William. India's Religious Frontier: Christian Presence and Modern Hinduism. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1964.

Thomas, M.M. The Acknowledged Christ of the Indian Renaissance. London: SCM Press, 1969.

Zachariah, Mathai. The Christian Presence in India. Madras: Christian Literature Society, 1981.

### **Christianity and Islam**

Addison, James. The Christian Approach to the Moslem: A Historical Study. New York: Columbia University Press, 1942.

Bassetti-Sani, G. Louis Massignon — Christian Ecumenist. Chicago: Franciscan Herald Press, 1974.

Brown, Stuart E., comp. Meeting in Faith: Twenty Years of Christian-Muslim Conversations Sponsored by the World Council of Churches. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1989.

Christensen, Jens. The Practical Approach to Muslims. Upper Darby, PA: North Africa Mission, 1977.

Cragg, Kenneth. Alive to God: Muslim and Christian Prayer. London: Oxford University Press, 1970.

\_\_\_\_\_. The Call of the Minaret. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1985.

\_\_\_\_\_. Muhammed and the Christian: A Questions of Response. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1984.

\_\_\_\_\_. Sandals at the Mosque: Christian Presence Amid Islam. New York: Oxford University Press, 1959.

Fry, George and James King. Islam: A Survey of the Muslim Faith. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1980.

Goldsmith, Martin. Islam and Christian Witness: Sharing the Faith with Muslims. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1982.

Jones, L. Bevan. Christianity Explained to Muslims. Calcutta: Baptist Mission Press, 1964.

Kateregga, Badru and David Shenk. Islam and Christianity. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1982.

McCurry, Don, ed. The Gospel and Islam. Monrovia, CA: MARC, 1979.

Marrison, G.E. The Christian Approach to the Muslim. London: Lutterworth Press, 1968.

Marsh, G.R. Share Your Faith with a Muslim. Chicago: Moody Press, 1975.

- Miller, William M. A Christian Response to Islam. Nutley, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publ. Co., 1976.
- Nazir-Ali, Michael. Frontiers in Muslim-Christian Encounter. Oxford: Regnum Books, 1987.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Islam: A Christian Perspective. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1983.
- Parrinder, Geoffrey. Jesus in the Qur'an. London: Sheldon Press, 1976.
- Parshall, Phil. Bridges to Islam. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1983.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Beyond the Mosque. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1985.
- \_\_\_\_\_. New Paths in Muslim Evangelism: Evangelical Approaches to Contextualization. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1980.
- Rousseau, Richard W., ed. Christianity and Islam: The Struggling Dialogue. Montrose, PA: Ridge Row Press, 1985.
- Seale, P. Qur'an and the Bible. London: Croom Helm, 1978.
- Speight, R. Marston. Christian-Muslim Relations. Hartford, CT: Task Force on Christian-Muslim Relations, 1983.
- Sweetman, J.W. Islam and Christian Theology. 4 vols. London: Lutterworth Press, 1945-1955.
- Samartha, Stanley J. and John B. Taylor, eds. Christian-Muslim Dialogue. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1973.
- Vander Werff, Lyle. Christian Mission to Muslims: The Record. Anglican and Reformed Approaches in India and the Near East, 1800-1938. South Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1977.
- Wilson, J. Christy. The Christian Message to Islam. New York: Revell, 1950.
- Wingate, Andrew. Encounter in the Spirit: Muslim-Christian Meetings in Birmingham. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1988.
- Woodberry, J. Dudley, ed. Muslims and Christians on the Emmaus Road: Crucial Issues in Witness Among Muslims. Monrovia, CA: MARC, 1989.
- World Council of Churches. Christians Meeting Muslims: WCC Papers on Ten Years of Christian-Muslim Dialogue. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1977.

## **Christianity and Japan's Religions**

- Anesaki, M. Religious Life of the Japanese People. Tokyo: Kokusai Bunka Shinkokai, 1970.
- Basabe, F.M. Japanese Youth Confronts Religion. Tokyo: Sophia University Press, 1967.
- Bunce, William K. Religions in Japan — Buddhism, Shinto, Christianity. Tokyo: Charles E. Tuttle Co., 1955.
- Corwin, Charles. Biblical Encounter with Japanese Culture. Tokyo: Christian Literature Crusade, 1967.
- Dale, Kenneth J. Circle of Harmony. South Pasadena: William Carey Library, 1975.
- Earhart, H. Byron. The New Religions of Japan. Ann Arbor, MI: Center for Japanese Studies, 1983.
- Ellwood, Robert S., Jr. The Eagle and the Rising Sun: Americans and the New Religions of Japan. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1974.
- Hammer, Raymond. Japan's Religious Ferment: Christian Presence amid Faiths Old and New. New York: Oxford University Press, 1962.
- Hori, Ichiro, ed. Japanese Religion. Tokyo: Kodansha Int., Ltd., 1972.
- Kitagawa, J.M. Religion in Japanese History. New York: Columbia University Press, 1966.
- McFarland, H. Neill. The Rush Hour of the Gods. New York: Harper Colophon Books, 1967.
- Spae, Joseph J. Christian Corridors to Japan. Tokyo: Oriens Institute for Religious Research, 1965.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Christianity Encounters Japan. Tokyo: Oriens Institute for Religious Research, 1968.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Japanese Religiosity. Tokyo: Oriens Institute for Religious Research, 1971.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Shinto Man. Tokyo: Oriens Institute for Religious Research, 1972.

## **Christianity and Judaism**

- Baeck, Leo. Judaism and Christianity. New York: Harper Torchbooks, 1966.
- Barth, Markus. Jesus the Jew: What Does It Mean that Jesus is a Jew? Atlanta, GA: John Knox Press, 1978.

- Brockway, Alan et al, eds. The Theology of the Churches and the Jewish People: Statements by the World Council of Churches and its Member Churches. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1988.
- Cohen, Martin A. and Helga Croner, eds. Christian Mission — Jewish Mission. Ramsey, NJ: Paulist Press, 1982.
- Croner, Helga, ed. More Stepping Stones to Jewish-Christian Relations: An Unabridged Collection of Christian Documents, 1975-1983. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1985.
- Davies, Alan T., ed. Anti-Semitism and the Foundations of Christianity. New York: Paulist Press, 1979.
- DeRidder, Richard R. God Has Not Rejected His People. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1977.
- \_\_\_\_\_. My Heart's Desire for Israel. Nutley, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publ. Co., 1974.
- Eckhardt, A. Roy. Elder and Younger Brothers: The Encounter of Jews and Christians. New York: Scribners, 1967.
- Eichorn, David Max. Evangelizing the American Jew. Middle Village, NY: Jonathan David, 1978.
- Flannery, Edward H. The Anguish of the Jews: Twenty-Three Centuries of Anti-Semitism. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1985.
- Fleischner, Eva. Judaism in German Christian Theology Since 1945. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, 1975.
- Fruchtenbaum, Arnold G. Hebrew Christianity: Its Theology, History and Philosophy. Washington, DC: Canon Press, 1974.
- Glock, Charles and Rodney Stark. Christian Beliefs and Antisemitism. New York: Harper and Row, 1966.
- Holmgren, Frederick. The God Who Cares: A Christian Look at Judaism.
- Heyer, R., ed. Jewish-Christian Relations. New York: Paulist Press, 1974.
- Jacob, Walter. Christianity Through Jewish Eyes. New York: Hebrew Union College Press, 1974.
- Klein, Charlotte. Anti-Judaism in Christian Theology. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1978.

- Kirsch, Paul J. We Christians and Jews. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1975.
- Koenig, John. Jews and Christians in Dialogue: New Testament Foundations. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1979.
- Kung, Jans and Walter Kasper, eds. Christians and Jews. New York: Seabury Press, c. 1974 / 1975.
- McGarry, Michael B. Christology After Auschwitz. Ramsey, NJ: Paulist Press, 1977.
- Parkes, James W. The Conflict of the Church and the Synagogue: A Study of the Origins of Antisemitism. New York: Harmony Press, 1974.
- Rausch, David. Messianic Judaism: Its History, Theology and Policy. New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 1982.
- Rosen, Moishe. Share the New Life with a Jew. Chicago: Moody Press, 1976.
- Rousseau, Richard W., ed. Christianity and Judaism: The Deepening Dialogue. Montrose, PA: Ridge Row Press, 1983.
- Sandmel, Samuel. Anti-Semitism in the New Testament. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1978.
- \_\_\_\_\_. The Genius of Paul. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1970.
- \_\_\_\_\_. A Jewish Understanding of the New Testament. London: S.P.C.K., 1977.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Judaism and Christian Beginnings. London: Oxford University Press, 1978.
- \_\_\_\_\_. We Jews and You Christians. Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott, 1967.
- Schaeffer, Edith. Christianity is Jewish. Wheaton: Tyndale House, 1976.
- Torrance, David W., ed. The Witness of the Jews to God. Edinburgh: Handsel Press, 1982.
- Van Buren, Paul. A Christian Theology of the People Israel. New York: Seabury Press, 1983.
- Van Til, Cornelius. Christ and the Jews. Philadelphia: Presbyterian and Reformed Publ. Co., 1968.
- Williamson, Clark. Has God Rejected His People? Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1982.
- Word, James, ed. Jewish-Christian Relations in Today's World. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 1971.
- World Council of Churches. Jewish-Christian Dialogue: Six Years of Christian-Jewish Consultations. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1975.

## **Christianity and Native American Religions**

- Beaver, R. Pierce, ed. The Native American Christian Community. Monrovia, CA: MARC, 1979.
- Bowden, Henry W. American Indians and Christian Missions. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1981.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and James P. Ronda, eds. John Eliot's Indian Dialogues. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1980.
- Deloria, Vine. Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto. New York: Macmillan, 1969.
- \_\_\_\_\_. God is Red. New York: Grosset and Dunlap, 1973.
- \_\_\_\_\_. The Indian Affair. New York: Friendship Press, 1974.
- Hultcrantz, Ake. The Religions of the American Indians. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1979.
- Reist, Benjamin A. Theology in Red, White and Black. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1975.
- Starkloff, Carl E. The People of the Center: American Indian Religion and Christianity. New York: Seabury Press, 1974.
- Terrell, John U. The Arrow and the Cross: A History of the American Indian and the Missionaries. Santa Barbara, CA: Capra Press, 1979.
- Underhill, Ruth M. Red Man's Religion. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1972.

## **Christianity, New Cults and Religious Directions in the U.S.**

- Appel, Willa. Cults in America: Programmed for Paradise. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1983.
- Bromley, David G. and Anson D. Shupe, Jr. Strange Gods: The Great American Cult Scare. Boston: Beacon Press, 1981.
- Enroth, Ronald and others. A Guide to Cults and New Religions. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1983.
- Fichter, Joseph H., ed. Alternatives to American Mainline Churches. Barrytown, NY: Unification Theological Seminary, 1983.
- Gallup, George, Jr. and David Poling. The Search for America's Faith. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1980.

- Hale, J. Russell. The Unchurched: Who They Are and Why They Stay Away. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1980.
- Hexham, Irving and Karla Poewe. Understanding Cults and New Religions. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1986.
- Melton, J. Gordon and Robert L. Moore. The Cult Experience: Responding to the New Religious Pluralism. New York: Pilgrim Press, 1982.
- Newbigin, Lesslie. Foolishness to the Greeks: The Gospel and Western Culture. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1986.
- Robbins, Thomas and Dick Anthony, eds. In Gods We Trust: New Patterns of Religious Pluralism in America. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Books, 1981.
- Tucker, Ruth. Another Gospel: Alternative Religions and the New Age Movement. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1989.
- Williams, Peter W. Popular Religion in America. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1980.

### **SPECIFIC DATA**

Please refer to the catalog for specific data regarding all Independent Studies Program (ISP) policies. All questions regarding ISP courses should be referred to the Office of Continuing Education at the contact information below:

AGTS

Office of Continuing Education

1435 N. Glenstone Ave.

Springfield, MO 65802

1-800-467-2487 ext. 1046

417-268-1046

[http://www.agts.edu/continuing\\_education/index.html](http://www.agts.edu/continuing_education/index.html)

Original syllabus prepared by *Institute of Theological Studies*, a ministry of OUTREACH, INC.

MCSI 504 Missionary Encounter with World Religions  
Textbook Update

The Anderson text, *The World's Religions*, has been replaced by:

Alexander, P., ed., *Eerdmans' Handbook to the World's Religions*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994.

New Reading Assignments:

Lesson 21: Primal Religions – pp. 128-168.

Lesson 22: Hinduism – pp. 170-196.

Lesson 23: Buddhism – pp. 222-244.

Lesson 24: Islam – pp. 311-342.

New study questions/answers for Lessons 21-24:

(The following questions/answers should replace those given for the Anderson text. Questions in the ILG on the lectures remain the same.)

**Lesson 21: Primal Religions**

1. Summarize in your own words the following concepts as they relate to primal religions in general:
  - a. Spirit power
  - b. “High God”
  - c. The living dead
  - d. Medicine men
  
2. Explain the following concepts and their significance as they relate to their specific region's primal religions:
  - a. “one community” (Kondh people of Asia)
  - b. Relationships (Melanesia).
  - c. Dreamtime (Aborigines of Australia)
  - d. “Supreme Being” (African religions)
  - e. “the Lord-of-the-Sky” (Zulu)

**Lesson 22: Hinduism**

1. Briefly define in your own words the following Hindu terms and concepts:
  - a. Trimurti
  - b. Upanishads
  - c. Bhagavad Gita

- d. Brahman
- e. atman
- f. karma
- g. samsara
- h. dharma
- i. bhakti
- j. moksha

2. Briefly describe in your own words the influence of the following Hindu leaders:

- a. Rammohan Roy
- b. Sri Ramakrishna
- c. Vivekananda

### **Lesson 23: Buddhism**

1. Describe the reasons Gautama left home (and eventually Hinduism altogether) to find knowledge.

2. Briefly define the following according to Buddhist thought:

- a. dharma
- b. nirvana
- c. atman

3. Summarize in your own words the *Four Noble Truths* as taught by Gautama.

### **Lesson 24: Islam**

1. Briefly define the following Muslim concepts and terms:

- a. Hijra
- b. Qur'an
- c. Shari'a
- d. Hadith
- e. Caliph
- f. A Sufi and "the Sufi path"
- g. Allah (God)

2. What are the *Five Pillars of Islam*?

3. What was the major disagreement between the Sunnis and the Shi'as?