

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

HIS/PCS 528 Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An examination of the origins and development of the Pentecostal and charismatic movements in the 20th Century: formative influences, cultural and social factors, key personalities, centers of revival, theological issues, spirituality, and impact on modern Christianity.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To examine modern Pentecostalism in its various forms.
2. To discern the contributions that Pentecostalism has made to Christianity and spirituality.
3. To analyze the nature of contemporary Pentecostalism, its diversity and essential unity.
4. To research and interpret Pentecostal history based on primary sources and relevant secondary literature.

TEXTBOOKS

Bartleman, Frank. *Azusa Street*. New Kensington, Pa.: Whitaker House, 1982.

Goss, Ethel E. *The Winds of God: The story of the early Pentecostal movement (1901- 1914) in the life of Howard A. Goss*. Rev. Ed. Hazelwood, Mo.: Word Aflame Press, 1977.

Synan, Vinson, Ed. *The Century of the Holy Spirit: 100 Years of Pentecostal and Charismatic Renewal*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2001.

Wacker, Grant. *Heaven Below: Early Pentecostals and American Culture*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2001.

Recommended:

Burgess, Stanley M., Ed. *New International Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 2002.

METHODOLOGY

Lecture, discussion, debates, panels

REQUIREMENTS

1. Attendance and participation in class sessions. Absences should be taken only as needed and must not exceed the number permitted in the seminary catalog if credit is to be given. *Students should not plan ministry activities during the semester either in the U.S. or overseas that will cause them to miss more classes than allowed by the seminary policy.*
2. Completion of all assigned reading.
3. Successful completion of ten unannounced quizzes over scheduled readings during the course of the semester. Each quiz will be made up of one essay question.
4. Preparation of an eight-page analytical reflection paper on *Heaven Below*.
DUE: November 4, 2004.
5. Presentation of a debate or panel

Debates:

Charles F. Parham vs. William H. Durham (nature of sanctification)
Daniel W. Kerr vs. Fred F. Bosworth (on initial evidence)
David Bernard vs. Carl Brumback (the nature of the Godhead/Trinity)
Charles F. Parham and William J. Seymour (on reconciliation of the races)
Aimee Semple McPherson vs. E. N. Bell (women in pulpit ministry)
Francisco Olazábal and Henry C. Ball (indigenous leadership and the Latin American District of the AG)
George Hawtin vs. Ernest S. Williams (on the validity of the New Order of the Latter Rain)
Thomas F. Zimmerman vs. David du Plessis (Pentecostal ministry in the Ecumenical movement)
Kathryn Kuhlman vs. Frances Hunter (how to pray for the sick)
Kenneth Hagin vs. D. R. McConnell (positive confession theology)
John Kilpatrick vs. Hank Hanegraaff (on the nature of revival)

Panel: Historians tell how Pentecostalism came into being
Agnes Ozman, *What God Hath Wrought*
Bennett F. Lawrence, *The Apostolic Faith Restored*
Carl Brumback, *Suddenly from Heaven*
Robert M. Anderson, *Vision of the Disinherited*

GRADING

10 quizzes	50%
Reflection paper	25%
Creative project	25%

CAUTIONS

1. Late work will be penalized.
2. Incompletes will be given only in the event of extreme circumstances.

COURSE OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Key: Bartleman; Goss; S—Synan; W—Wacker

- Sep 2 Introduction to the course
- Sep 7 Charismatic movements before 1900
- Sep 9 Holiness and “Higher Life” movements
S—1, 2
- Sep 14 Healing, premillennialism, and missions
- Sep 21 Radical evangelicals and world evangelization
Gary B. McGee, “Shortcut to Language Preparation? Radical Evangelicals, Missions, and the Gift of Tongues,” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 25 (July 2001): 118-20, 22-23. (AGTS website)
- Sep 23 Early Pentecostal revivals
Goss, *Winds of God*
- Sep 28 Contd.
S—3; Bartleman, *Azusa Street*
- Sep 30 Contd.
Joe Creech, “Visions of Glory: The Place of the Azusa Street Revival in Pentecostal History,” *Church History* 65 (September 1996): 405-424. (library reference section)
- Oct 5 Contd.
Gary B. McGee, “‘Latter Rain’ Falling in the East: Early-Twentieth-Century Pentecostalism in India and the Debate over Speaking in Tongues,” *Church History* 68 (September 1999): 648-665. (reference section)
- Oct 7 Contd.
W—Intro., 1, 2
- Oct 12 Panel: historians tell how Pentecostalism came into being
W—3, 4, 5
- Oct 14 New missionary diaspora
S—4
- Oct 19 Debates: Charles F. Parham vs. William H. Durham
Charles F. Parham vs. William J. Seymour
S—5, 6
- Oct 21 Debates: Daniel W. Kerr vs. F. F. Bosworth

David Bernard vs. Carl Brumback

- Oct 26 Debate: Aimee Semple McPherson vs. E. N. Bell
 W—12, 13, 14, 15, Epilogue
- Oct 28 Pentecostal organizations and changes in the movement
 S—11, 12
 Debate: Francisco Olazábal vs. Henry C. Ball
- Nov 2 Debate: George Hawtin vs. Ernest S. Williams
 Richard Riss, “The Latter Rain Movement of 1948,” *Pneuma: The Journal
 of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 4 (Spring 1982): 32-45. (reference
section)
- Nov 4 Salvation/healing movement
 S—13
 Reflection paper due.
- Nov 9 Debate: Kathryn Kuhlman vs. Frances Hunter
- Nov 11 Charismatic movement in the Protestant churches
 S—7
- Nov 16 Contd.
 S—8, 10
- Nov 18 Charismatic movement in the Roman Catholic Church
 S—9
- Nov 23 International Roman Catholic and Classical Pentecostal Dialogue
 Kilian McDonnell, O.S.B., “The Death of Mythologies: The Classical
 Pentecostal/Roman Catholic Dialogue,” *America*, March 25, 1995, 14-19.
- Nov 30 Debate: Thomas F. Zimmerman vs. David J. du Plessis
- Dec 2 Implicit values in Pentecostalism
 Russell P. Spittler, “Spirituality, Pentecostal,” in *New International
 Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements* (reference section)
- Dec 7 Debate: Kenneth Hagin vs. D. R. McConnell
 S—14
- Dec 9 Debate: John Kilpatrick vs. Hank Hanegraaff
 Final reflection

RESOURCES: Resources for research will be discussed in class.
Prepared by Gary B. McGee, June 30, 2004.