

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
MATS Degree Completion Program
Springfield, Missouri

HISD 552 WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT II

August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2006

Thursday evenings 6:00 – 10:00 pm

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A continuation of the integrated study of the world Christian movement in its advance around the globe from 1453 to the present time.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon the completion of this course on the last five centuries of Christian history and theology, each student should be able:

1. To discuss the historical development of Christian doctrine since 1453.
2. To analyze the interaction of theology with history, hermeneutics, science, philosophy, and missions.
3. To discuss the contributions of key individuals, movements, and issues during the last five hundred years in the global development of Christianity.

TEXTBOOKS

Gannon, Raymond L. *The Shifting Romance with Israel: American Pentecostal Ideology of Zionism and the Jewish State*. Unpub. Ph.D. dissertation, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2004. (Chapters 1, 2, 5, and epilogue). (On AGTS library reserve)

Jenkins, Philip. *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002.

Miller, Glenn T. *The Modern Church: From the Dawn of the Reformation to the Eve of the Third Millennium*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1997.

Olson, Roger E. *The Story of Christian Theology: Twenty Centuries of Tradition & Reform*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1999.

Placher, William C., ed. *Readings in the History of Christian Theology, Vol. 2: From the Reformation to the Present*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1988.

METHODOLOGY

Lectures, readings, debates, films, term paper, final examination.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Consistent attendance; more than one absence will jeopardize course grade/credit.
2. A one-hour final examination.
3. Completion of all assigned readings on the days designated in the course schedule below.
4. Completion of 4 to 5 page textbook reactions: Olson (due Sept 7), Miller (due Sept 14), Jenkins (due Sept 21), and Gannon (due Sept 28).
5. A term paper (15 pages) on what the student finds to be the three most interesting historical developments or characteristics within twentieth-century Pentecostalism's contribution to the chemistry of the World Christian Movement. (Due online Sept 30)
6. Participation in a team-dramatized theological debate.
7. Cautions:
 - A. Late work will be penalized.
 - B. A grade of incomplete will be given only in the event of extreme circumstances.

GRADING

Debate Participation	20%
Book reactions (4)	40%
Term Paper	20%
Final examination	20%

COURSE OUTLINE AND ASSIGNMENT AND EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

KEY: M—Miller; O—Olson; P—Placher

- Aug 31 Introduction to the course
Christianity on the eve of the Reformation
Film: "The Vatican Revealed"
Attempts at reform and the rise of Christian humanism; M-1; O-23
Luther's theology; O-24
Zwingli and the Reformation in Zurich; M-2; O-25
- Sept 7 Radical Reformation; O-26; P-Chapter 1
DEBATE: Luther vs. Zwingli on the Lord's Supper
Theology of John Calvin; P-chapter 3
English Reformation; M-3, 5; O-27
Catholic Reformation and Council of Trent; M-4; P-Chapter 2
Missions and the dilemma of discovery

- Sept 14 Protestant scholasticism; O-28
New awakenings in piety; M-6, 8; O-29, 30
DEBATE: Zinzendorf vs. Wesley on the nature of sanctification; M-9, 10, 11, 12
Copernican and Darwinian paradigm shifts and the beginnings of “modernity”
P-Chapter 4
The Enlightenment and Christianity; M-16, 18; O-31
Schleiermacher and “Romanticism”; M-19, 20; O-32; P-Chapter 6
- Sept 21 19th-century Protestant missions
DEBATE: Edwards vs. Finney on the nature of revival; M-13, 14, 15, 17
Kierkegaard vs. the “Great Synthesis”; O-33, 34
Christianity becomes a world religion; M-21
Roman Catholic Church in the 19th and early-20th centuries; M-22
Modern missions and the Ecumenical Movement; M-26
DEBATE: Harnack vs. Barth on Jesus Christ; M-24, 25; P-Chapter 7
- Sept 28 Fundamentalism, evangelicalism, and Pentecostalism; M-23
DEBATE: Kraemer vs. Buck on salvific revelation in the non-Christian religions
M-27; P-Chapter 8
Vatican Council II O-35; Course conclusion
Final Examination (One hour)

SPECIFIC DATA

Syllabus prepared by Raymond Gannon, July 2006.