

Phil. 353 D115

Day-to-day syllabus; Spring, '05 (32 classes)

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Mon&Wed 2:30-3:45 PM**OFFICE HOURS: TOPIC****4:00-5:30 PM****M&Wed****ROOM 401, DAVIES' HALL****QUESTION****#CLASSES****DATES****READINGS**

The Question: Whether or not God exists? "God language"

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1/19,
24,26Prol, Pref, Introduction,
Chap.Two/Three; notes: **bkst.** Eliade:
*Sacred and Profane.***THE ORIGINAL MYTH:**
Eastern origins of "god" in
Gilgamesh

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1/31,
2/2,7Chap. One, notes: **bkst.** Campbell,
*Oriental Mythology***THE ORIENTAL VIEW****Chinese**

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2/14,16
23Chap. Four, *The Way* - notes**Lao-tzu: *The Way*****THE Zen VIEW****Japanese: Kakuzo Okakura**

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3/2,7,9

Chap. Five, *The Book of Tea*;
notes**Discussion Paper # 1 question to be answered: What relation does the root meaning of "religion" have to you, now that you are aware of that meaning? Two classes: 3/14 & 16.****THE Hindu VIEW**

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3/28,30; 4/4

Chap. Six: Gita, notes

Indian Vyasa**PRESOCRATIC/GREEK****VIEW: Heraclitus**

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4/11,13,18

Chap. Seven, Fragments

Socrates

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4/20,22

Chap.Eight, Apology

The BUDDHIST VIEW**The Dhammapada**

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4/25,27,5/2,

Chap. Nine

JEWISH VIEW**Old Testament**

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5/4,9

Chap. Ten; Eight
Chaps on Ethics; notes**Moses Maimonides****CHRISTIAN VIEW****New Testament**

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5/11

Chap. Eleven, *New*
Testament; notes**Jesus Christ****RELIGION REVIEW**

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5/16

Chap. Twelve, notes

Denominational vis á vis
natural religion**DISCUSSION PAPER #2:question to be answered:What effect has this course had on your view of religion as you view it from AD To BC? 5/18 and (?) 5/23***Final exam and/or discussion paper: If a mid-term appears, it will be a "take-home," to be given 3/09, due back in class on 3/28; in that case, the **second discussion paper will take the place of the final.**Students **shall read** each of the two discussion papers during the assigned class dates; this is non-negotiable. Basic Requirements for the discussion papers: 2 pages DOUBLE-SPACED, proof-read, a clear, concise and coherent **answer to the question asked.** **NOTE: if one is absent without prior permission for any of the four discussion paper reading days, one receives the grade of F for the course.**