

## **Christian Theology:** The Basic Components of Faith and Life

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### **- Course's Description:**

This course offers a comprehensive survey of all the major dogmatic elements in the Christian confessions and theological discourses: the doctrine of revelation, the doctrine of God/Trinity, Christology, soteriology, Christian anthropology, pneumatology, hamartiology, ecclesiology, eschatology, etc. We'll cover every basic element in Christian faith using Daniel Migliore's book, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, as a framework.

### **- Course's Objectives:**

At the end of the course the students would:

- 1- acquire an introductory knowledge of the basic components of every Christian doctrinal claim
- 2- analyze and perceive the core argument of one contemporary issue related to each Christian doctrinal teaching and its impact on the Christian life today
- 3- recognizing the relation between the intellectual and the practical dimensions of Christian faith and construct an initial understanding of the mutual impact of these two dimensions of faith on each other

**- Course's Object in Relation to the Study Program:**

At the end of the course the students would have the chance to

- 1- To acquire foundational and critical knowledge of Christian religion.
- 2- To accumulate knowledge of the practices of Christian religious tradition
- 3- To acquire knowledge and skills for dialogical and constructive engagement with diversity.

**- Text Book:**

Migliore, Daniel L. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Grand Rapids, USA/ Cambridge, UK: W.B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2004.

This text is going to be used during the whole course. So, the students are expected to get their own copy of the book, or they will find the chapters assigned for reading from it uploaded for them on the Course's account on CANVAS and each reading is available at the relevant week of study. The book would be studied chapter-by-chapter during the semester.

**- Course's Outlines and Sessions' Reading Assignments**

**I- Week One:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Introducing the Course</li><li>- Why Studying Christian Theology?</li></ul> |
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**Theology: Concept & Task**

**II- Week Two:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Theology as a Notion &amp; a Task</li></ul> <p>[R.R: Edward Farley, <i>Theologia: The Fragmentation and Unity of Theological Education</i>, pp. 29-48; and D. Migliore, <i>Faith Seeking Understanding</i>, pp. 1-19]</p> |
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**Theology: History of Development**

**III- Week Three:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Theology in Early Patristic Christianity</li></ul> <p>[R.R: Plantinga; Thompson &amp; Lundberg, <i>An Introduction to Christian Theology</i>, pp. 419- 450]</p> |
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**IV- Week Four:**

-Theology in Middle Ages  
[R.R: Plantinga; Thompson & Lundberg, *An Introduction to Christian Theology*, pp. 451- 478]

**V- Week Five:**

- Theology in Renaissance & Reformation (1)  
[R.R: Plantinga; Thompson & Lundberg, *An Introduction to Christian Theology*, pp. 480- 506]

**VI- Week Six :**

- Theology in the Modern Era  
[R.R: Plantinga; Thompson & Lundberg, *An Introduction to Christian Theology*, pp. 507- 542]

**VII- Week Seven:**

- Theology in Today's Context  
[R.R: Plantinga; Thompson & Lundberg, *An Introduction to Christian Theology*, pp. 543- 574]

**Theology: Components & Teaching**

**VIII- Week Eight:**

- The Meaning of Revelation  
[R.R: D. Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, pp. 20-43]

- The Nature & Role of Scripture  
[R.R: D. Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, pp. 44-63]

**IX- Week Nine:**

- The Understanding of God: The Trinity  
[R.R: D. Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, pp. 64-91]
- The Divine Providence  
[R.R: D. Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, pp. 117-138]

**X- Week Ten:**

- The Good Creation  
[R.R: D. Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, pp. 92-116]
- The Problem of Evil & Theodicy  
[R.R: Plantinga; Thompson & Lundberg, *An Introduction to Christian Theology*, pp. 204- 226]

**XI- Week Eleven:**

- The Theology of Humanity: Theological Anthropology  
[R.R: D. Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, pp. 139-162]
- Original Sin and Human Sinfulness: Hamartiology  
[R.R: Hans Schwarz, *The Christian Faith: a Creedal Account*, pp. 73- 88]

**XII- Week Twelve:**

- The Identity and Person of Jesus Christ: Christology  
[R.R: D. Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, pp. 163-196]
- The Salvific Work of Christ: Soteriology  
[R.R: Plantinga; Thompson & Lundberg, *An Introduction to Christian Theology*, pp. 257- 283]

### **XIII- Week Thirteen:**

- The Identity and Work of the Holy Spirit: Pneumatology  
[**R.R:** Plantinga; Thompson & Lundberg, *An Introduction to Christian Theology*, pp. 284- 312]
  
- The Identity and Nature of the Church: Ecclesiology  
[**R.R:** D. Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, pp. 248-273]

### **XIV- Week Fourteen:**

- Christian Hope and View of Future: Eschatology  
[**R.R:** D. Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, pp. 330-353]
  
- Conclusion: Whereto Christian Theology?

### **- Course Requirements and Assessment Expectations**

1) **Assigned readings’ preparation and active class participation:** Students are required to read these texts as thoroughly and perceptively as they can and then to demonstrate an active class participation by coming to the sessions with questions or comments on them and the taught materials therein.

2) **Short Reflections:** Students will be required to submit a short essay of **2500-3000 words-long (approx. 10-12 pages 1/5 space)**, at the end of the semester. They should pick up the question from the list below and offer good response to it. They must present a clear, perceptive and well-argued personal opinion, and they are invited to support their opinions with ideas from books and sources from the syllabus’ bibliography or other materials in the library. The questions that the students must choose two from to reflect on are:

**- On Theology:**

1. Who is the first theologian in Christianity; Jesus of Nazareth or Paul the Apostle? Reflect on this in the light of what we learned in the class on the meaning of ‘theology’.
  
2. what is the difference between theology and philosophy? Are they related? In what way they relate to each other if they do?

3. What is the difference between doing theology beginning with a discourse on ‘God’s Existence’ and doing it beginning with a discourse on ‘God’s Revelation’?

- on Faith:

1. What is the meaning of ‘faith’ in Christianity? Is there any difference between ‘faith’ and ‘belief’?

2. In Christianity, expressions like “I am a *believer* in God’ and ‘be *faithful* to the Gospel of Jesus Christ’ are commonly used. Are these expressions the same in connotations? Is there a difference in meaning between them, what could it be? And, can one be believer in God without being faithful to Christ? If yes, why, if no, why too?

- On God and Revelation:

1. ‘What is God’; is this the right question Christian theology starts with its reflection on God’s reality? Is there anything wrong with this inquiry? If yes, what is it and why? If not, why is it accurate?

2. why do the Christians believe in the Trinity? Where did this idea come from? Did they receive it from-above (by means of revelation or inspiration), or did it originate from-below (from their historical-spiritual experience)? discuss and argue in defense for any of these two options (or a third one if you can propose it).

3. What is the difference between ‘Revelation’, ‘inspiration’ and ‘proclamation’? Why Christian theology says ‘God revealed God’s self’ instead of ‘God inspired God’s self’ or ‘God proclaimed God’s self’?

4. What is the difference between speaking about ‘revealed religion’ and about ‘religion of revelation’? which one of them is descriptive of Christianity and which is descriptive of Islam and why the case is so in each one of them? If there is no distinction between Christianity and Islam on this, demonstrate how the case is so.

- on Scripture and Tradition:

1. What is the meaning of ‘Tradition’ in Christianity? Do ‘Tradition’ and ‘Scripture’ have the same authority and referential position in the Church? How is this to be decided, i.e. on the basis of which criterion?

2. What is the role of human agency in the Christian theological understanding of scripture and Tradition, and how is it similar to or different from the understanding of the same matter in Islam?

3. Do Christians and Muslims have the same theological understanding of the nature and role of religious scripture (i.e. Bible & Qur’an)? What are the similarity and differences between them in this regard?

-On Creation:

1. In the Christian theological understanding of Creation, there is this belief: “God created everything out of nothing (*ex nihilo*)”: what is the meaning of this belief, and what does it tell us about God and about Creation?
2. Does the Christian belief in ‘Creation out of nothing’ resonate with contemporary science? Should Christians still affirm it, or should they dispense with it? Either way, why?

- On salvation:

1. what is meaning of ‘salvation’ in Christian theology; and what are the theological implications of speaking about salvation as ‘redemption’, ‘forgiveness’ and ‘atonement’? How each one of these notions speak about ‘sin’ in relation to salvation?
2. Do the Christians believe in the salvation of non-Christians, or do they not? Are people from different religions saved and welcomed by God as part of God’s Creation in Christian faith? If yes, how and why? If not, how and why?

- On Jesus Christ:

1. The Christian Faith as well as the Muslim Qur’an speak about Jesus of Nazareth as ‘God’s Word’: Do they have similar understanding of Jesus in the light of this description? If yes, what is this understanding? If not, what is the difference and what are its implications?
2. is the character of ‘Dr. Jaykl & Mr. Hyde’ appropriate to speak metaphorically about Jesus Christ’s two natures according to Christian theology? If yes, how and why; if no, how and why?
3. Are Miracles necessary to prove that Jesus is ‘the Son of God’: Can Jesus’s relation to God be acknowledged and perceived without miracles in Christian faith? Why and how whether the answer is yes or no?

- On Church and Christian Hope:

1. what is the nature and rule of the ‘Church’ in Christian theology and what are the best metaphors in Christian faith that clearly and relevantly express this nature and role?
2. Is there any difference in Christian theology between ‘hope’ and ‘aspiration/ambition’? what is it and how this difference influences the Christians relation to the future and the end of days?

### **- Grading Division:**

The grading of this course is based on the 'pass' or 'fail' criterion. Once the student attends to all the sessions every week and then produce the final assignment, he or she will be granted 'pass'. Any failure in meeting these expectations will be legible to the 'failure result.

Auditors are welcome to participate in discussion and assignments to the degree they wish and should clarify their intent with the instructor, but their work will not be graded.

### **- Additional Policies:**

1) Attendance : Active attendance in class is required. If you know you will be unable to attend a class session please inform the professor in advance. Missing two sessions will result in an automatic lowering of your final grade by 10%. Missing three or more sessions will result in automatic failure of the course. 3 - 4 or more absences --- without a serious reason should be an automatic failure.

2) Plagiarism: Academic honesty and integrity are expected of all students. Plagiarism exists when: a) the work submitted was done, in whole or in part, by anyone other than the one submitting the work, b) parts of the work, whether direct quotations, ideas, or data, are taken from another source without acknowledgement, c) the whole work is copied from another source [especially a web based source], or d) significant portions of one's own previous work used in another course. See "Plagiarism" at <http://www.hartsem.edu/current-students/policies/>

3) Appropriate Classroom Etiquette and Use of Technology: In order to respect the community within the classroom: 1) Mute all cell phones during class; 2) Utilize laptops for the sole purpose of taking class notes. Please do not surf the web, email, or other programs during class time. Such use of the computer during class is disrespectful of the class and professor, and may result in lowering your participation grade.

4) Inclusive Language: Hartford Seminary is committed to a policy of inclusion in its academic life and mission. All members of the community are expected to communicate in language that reflects the equality of genders, openness to diverse cultural and theological perspectives, and sensitivity to one another's images of God.

5) Extensions: Extensions for papers will be given for illnesses or family emergencies only in consultation with the instructor.

### **-Selected Bibliography**



The books enlisted here are by no means exhaustive of all the literature on the various elements of Christian faith. I do not enlist here the classical literature of basic theological authorities, like Augustine, Aquinas, Calvin, Schleiermacher, Barth, Tillich, Rahner, Bultmann, Brunner. While I strongly encouraged the students to go through the works of these aforementioned classic theological minds, I present here concise, relatively more contemporary, bibliographical suggestions on every studied subject. I also invite the students to expand their reading spectrum beyond them in their term-papers' writing and further studies.

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