

Religious Studies 434
The History of Christian Thought from 1000-1700

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This course will give an overview of the main currents of Western Christian thought from the first age of reform (that is, the Central Middle Ages) through the Reformations of the sixteenth century, to the eve of the Enlightenment. In these centuries, "Christendom" underwent an almost constant process of internal and external self-definition. The most striking result of this process was the division of the western church into what became known as Protestant and Catholic Christianity. Our focus will be on the changing definitions of Christian culture, including theological formulations (definitions of orthodoxy and heterodoxy), trends of spirituality and mysticism, forms of worship, and gender roles and definitions. Attention will also be given to institutions (ecclesiastical hierarchy, monasticism, schools), and the changing relationship between the secular and religious worlds. Readings will be from both original and secondary sources. Additional primary sources in xerox may be added to the syllabus. I will supply these readings and all readings marked "xerox."

Students will write two papers. The first (due Feb. 28) is a 5-7 pp. analysis of a primary source from the class, for which another text may be substituted by permission of the instructor. The second paper, due at the end of the course, should be a more ambitious research paper (at least 10 pp. for undergraduates, longer for graduate students) that includes some aspect of this history we did not directly study in class.

Course Outline:

- January 10 Introduction to the course. The growth of medieval affective piety
Anselm of Canterbury, "Prayer to Christ" and Meditation I (xerox)
- January 17 Anselm of Canterbury, Prayers and Meditations, Proslogion
Margot Fassler, "Mary's nativity, Fulbert of Chartres, and the Stirps Jesse: Liturgical
Innovation circa 1000 and Its Afterlife,"
Speculum 75 (2000) 389-434 (xerox)
- January 24 Medieval Church and Society: An Overview
R. W. Southern, Western Society and the Church in the Middle Ages 1-5
Peter Abelard, selections from Historia calamitatum (xerox)
Selections from John Shinnars, Medieval Popular Religion #41-48, #60-64
- January 31 New Piety: Monastic Reforms, New Orders and Lay Piety
Southern, 6-7; Bernard of Clairvaux, On Loving God(xerox); Francis of Assisi, The
Earlier Rule, The Later Rule, Clare of Assisi, The Rule of Saint Clare (xerox); Shinnars #7-
8, #12-13, #49-51, #54
- February 7 The Study and Preaching of the Bible
Medieval Exegesis in Translation: Commentaries on the Book of Ruth, trans. Lesley
Smith; Shinnars #1-6, #52-53; Bonaventure, selections from Hexameron (xerox)
- February 14 Religious Ritual and Devotion: Saints, Relics, Eucharist and the Virgin Mary
"The Feast of Corpus Christi," (xerox); The Live of Juliana of Mont-Cornillon (xerox);
Shinnars: #9-10, #14-18, #19-26, #27-33

- February 21 NO CLASS
Class to be rescheduled: Scholasticism and School Learning; The Universities
Peter Abelard, selections from On Romans (xerox); Hugh of Saint Victor, selections from On the Sacraments (xerox); Peter Lombard, selections from The Sentences (xerox);
Thomas Aquinas, selections from Summa theologica (xerox)
- FIRST PAPER DUE FEBRUARY 28
- February 28 Dissent and Reform in Late Medieval Christianity
Shinners #34-40, #55-59, #65-77
- March 7 The Protestant Reformation: An Overview
Owen Chadwick, The Reformation, Part One
Martin Luther, "95 Theses," "The Freedom of a Christian," "The Pagan Servitude of the Church," from John Dillenberger, Martin Luther: Selections from His Writings
- March 14 **SPRING BREAK**
- March 21 Protestant Sectarianism and Self-Definition
Anabaptist prayers and sermons (xerox); Luther, "The Bondage of the Will," sermons, biblical prefaces, "Secular Authority," from Dillenberger; Ulrich Zwingli, selections (xerox), John Calvin, selections from The Institutes, prayers, sermons, rituals (xerox)
- March 28 The Formation of Roman Catholicism
Chadwick, Part Two; John W. O'Malley, "Was Ignatius Loyola a Church Reformer? How to Look at Early Modern Catholicism," The Catholic Historical Review 77 (1991) 177-193 (xerox); Ignatius of Loyola, selections (xerox)
- April 4 Catholic or Counter Reformation? The Carmelite Spiritual Traditions
The Life of Teresa of Avila by Herself, trans. J. M. Cohen; John of the Cross, Ascent of Mount Carmel, selections (xerox)
- April 11 The Afterlife of the Reformation: Rationalism and Piety in Modern Christianity
Chadwick, Part Three; selections from seventeenth-century Christian writings
John Bunyan, John Donne, George Herbert, Blaise Pascal, Francis de Sales, Jane Chantal, Maria Domitilla Galluzzi (xerox)
- April 18 NO CLASS
Class to be rescheduled: Is Christianity's past a guide to Christianity's future? Or, What Does It All Mean?

The following books are available at the Penn Book Center, 34th and Sansom Streets:

Anselm of Canterbury, The Prayers and Meditations of St. Anselm, ed. Benedicta Ward (Penguin Classics, 1973)
Owen Chadwick, The Reformation Pelican History of the Church Penguin Books (1964/1990)
John Dillenberger, ed., Martin Luther, Selections from his Writings (Doubleday, 1962)

John Shinnars, ed., Medieval Popular Religion Broadview (1997)
Lesley Smith, ed., Medieval Exegesis in Translation: Commentaries on the Book of Ruth
TEAMS Commentary Series, Medieval Institute Publications, Kalamazoo (1996)
R. W. Southern, Western Society and the Church in the Middle Ages Pelican History of the Church"
(Penguin Books, 1970/1990)
Teresa of Avila, The Life of Teresa of Avila by Herself Penguin Classics (1957)