

History of Christian Doctrine 451-1650

Religion 721b

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Week 1.1

INTRODUCTION

[Introductory Handout](#)



ST. ANSELM of CANTERBURY (1033-1109): A Christian Platonism

[Anselm's Life and Works](#)

Method in Philosophical Theology

Monologion, Preface; *Proslogion* (entire); *Why God Became Man*, Preface, end of I.10 & end of I.25.

Week 1.2

Mediating the Metaphysics of Goodness

Monologion, chs. 1-3, 15-17, 29-33

[Anselm's *Monologion* Arguments](#)

[The Supreme Nature's Essence](#)

Week 2.1

Rational Agency and the Possibility of Sin

Monologion, chs. 66-77; *Why God Became Man* II.1-4; *Fall of the Devil*, chs. 12-14; *De Concordia* III, 11-14.

Week 2.2

Sin, the Fall, and its Consequences

Why God Became Man I.11-15, 19-24; *Proslogion*, ch. 1; *Virgin Conception and Original Sin*, chs. 1-11.

[Anselm and the Honor Code](#)

Week 3.1

Satisfying Mercy: the Dynamics of Satisfaction

Why God Became Man I.1-15, 19-24; II (entire); Prayers to Mary and to St. Paul [packet]

PETER ABELARD (1079-1142): Dialectic and Scripture

[Abelard's Life and Works](#)

Week 3.2

Varieties of Evaluation

Sin Within

Selections from *Know Thyself* in Fairweather's *Scholastic Miscellany* (=SM), 288-297.

Love's Appeal

Selections from Abelard's Romans-commentary in SM, 276-287

Week 4.1

BONAVENTURE (ca 1217-1274): Franciscan Platonism

[Bonaventure's Life and Works](#)

Week 4.1

The Mind's Journey into God (entire)

[The Itinerarium](#)

[Bonaventure's Metaphysics in Outline](#)

ARISTOTELIAN TURNS: Aquinas (1225-1274),
Scotus (1266-1308), **Ockham** (1285-1347)



Ockham

Aquinas' Integration:

All readings in Aquinas except for those about eucharistic theology are found in Fairweather's *Aquinas on Nature and Grace*

[Aquinas' Life and Works](#)

Week 4.2

Faith and Reason

Summa Theologica (=ST) [I,q.1,aa.1-2, 7-8, 10](#); [I-II,qq.1-3](#).

Proofs from Being, Act and Potency: Divine Existence and Attributes

ST [I, q.2, aa.1-3](#); [q.3, aa.1-8](#); [\[q.25\]](#)

[Aquinas' Proofs](#)

Week 5.1

Goodness and its Reflections

ST [I,q.20,aa.3-4](#); [q.21, aa.1,3,4](#); [q.22,aa.1-4](#); [q.23,aa.1,3,5-8](#)

Week 5.2

Created Rational Agency, Sin, and its Consequences

ST [I-II,q.82,a.1](#); [q.85,aa.1-6](#)

Week 6.1

Nature, Grace, and Justification

ST [I-II,qq.109-110 \(entire\)](#); [q.112,a.5](#); [q.113,aa.1-6,10](#); [q.114,aa.1,3](#); [II-II,q.23,a.2](#).

Week 6.2

The Metaphysics of the Eucharist

ST [III,qq.60-62,64](#); [73-77](#). [packet]

FRANCISCAN VARIATIONS:

Week 7.1

Natural Theology, Rational Agency, Morals and Merit

[Scotus' Life and Works](#)

[Ockham's Life and Works](#)

Scotus, *Quodlibeta*, q.17 in *God and Creatures* (trans Alluntis and Wolter), 388-398.

Ockham, *Quodlibeta* III,q.19 (in Freddoso's trans, vol. I, 229-34); *Quodl.* VI,qq.1-2,4 (Freddoso, vol. II, 491-97, 500-502). [packet]

Week 7.2

Divine Love, Reorganized

Scotus, *Ord.* III,d.7,q.3;d.19;d.32 (in *Franciscan Christology*, ed. by Damian McElrath; trans. by Wolter, 146-159)

[Scotus on the Structure of Divine Love](#)

Ockham, *Treatise on Predestination, God's Foreknowledge, and Future Contingents*, trans. Adams and Kretzmann (entire).

Week 8.1

MYSTICAL TRANSITIONS

Julian of Norwich (1343-1413/15)

[Revelations of Divine Love](#)

Catherine of Genoa (1447-1510) *Treatise on Purgatory* (In LCC XIII, 399-413) [packet]

[Parable of the Lord and the Servant](#)

[Comparisons Between Julian and Anselm](#)



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MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)

Readings from Luther will be found in Dillenberger's Anthology (= MLJD)

[Luther's Life and Works](#)

Week 8.2

Beginnings: Institutional Corruption

Cajetan, "The Celebration of the Mass: [packet]

Luther, "[Preface to Latin Writings](#)" (1545), MLJD 3-12; "[95 Theses](#)" & "Heidelberg Disputations," MLJD 489-503; "An Appeal to the Ruling Class," MLJD 403.

Week 9.1

Justification by Faith

[Preface to Romans](#), MLJD 19-34; *On the Freedom of a Christian*; MLJD 42-84; *Two Kinds of Righteousness*, MLJD 86-96; *Galatians-Commentary*, MLJD 100-165.

Week 9.2

Scripture as Matrix and Seed

Selected Biblical Prefaces in MLJD 13-41;

Week 10.1

Sacraments as Promises Received by Faith

The Pagan Servitude of the Church, MLJD 249-364; "On Baptism," MLJD 228-33 and "The Lord's Supper," MLJD 234-39.

ULRICH ZWINGLI (1484-1531)

[Ulrich Zwingli's Life and Works](#)

Week 10.2

Sacramental Theology

Of the Clarity and Certainty of the Word of God (Bromily ed.), 59-95; *An Exposition of the Faith* (Bromily ed.), 245-279; *On the Lord's Supper* (Bromily ed.), 176-238.



JOHN CALVIN (1509-1564)

[Calvin's Life and Works](#)

Readings from Calvin will be taken from *Calvin: Institutes of the Christian Religion* in two Volumes, trans by Battles (LCC XX-XXI).

Week 11.1

Knowledge of God and the Scriptures
Institutes, [Book I.1-8](#).

Week 11.2

Faith, Justification, and Works
Institutes, [Book I.15-18](#); [III.2.1-43](#); [III.11.1-23](#); [III.14.1-21](#).

Week 12.1

Sacraments and Society

COUNTER-REFORMATION

Week 12.2

Trent on Justification; Protestant Response
Creeds of the Church (ed. Leith), 400-24.
Calvin's Responses
Calvin, *Institutes*, [Book III, 9.1-23](#)

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In addition to reading, class attendance, participation in discussions, written work for this course will include two short papers on assigned topics, a mid-term examination, and a final examination. No late papers will be accepted without a written medical excuse from a physician (not a member of your family).

Books ordered for this course at Yale Divinity School book store (in Bellamy) include the following:

Anselm of Canterbury: The Major Works, eds. Brian Davies and G. R. Evans (Oxford University Press, 1998).

Bromiley, G. W., ed. *Zwingli and Bullinger*. Library of Christian Classics. (Westminster Press, Philadelphia).

Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, 2 volumes. F.L. Battles trans. Library of Christian Classics. (Westminster Press, Philadelphia).

Dillenberger, John, ed. *Martin Luther: Selections*. (Doubleday Anchor).

Fairweather, A.M. ed. *Aquinas on Nature and Grace*. Library of Christian Classics. (Westminster Press, Philadelphia).

Fairweather, E.R. ed. *Scholastic Miscellany: Anselm to Ockham*. Library of Christian Classics. (Westminster, Philadelphia).

Julian of Norwich, *Showing* Paulist Press. [or some other edition, alternatively title, *Revelations of Divine Love*.]

St. Bonaventure, *The Journey of the Mind to God*. P. Boehner, trans. S. Brown, ed. (Hackett Publishing Co., Indiana) [or some other edition, alternatively titled, *The Mind's Journey into God*]

William Ockham, *Predestination, God's Foreknowledge, and Future Contingents*. Trans. Adams & Kretzmann. (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett Publishing Co.).

In addition there is a large packet available, availability to be announced..