Traditional Religions





Miss 5103/Soc 5103

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Jan. 24
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Jan. 31

Worldview, "Flaw of the Excluded Middle"
Mysterium tremendum/ des Ganz Andre/

Feb. 5 Majestas

Feb. 7 Religious myths, rituals, and ceremonies

Feb. 12 Animism and animatism

Feb. 14 Sorcery, diviners and magicians Magic, amulets and charms

Feb. 19 Review day

Feb. 26 EXAM Feb. 28 Sorcery

March 5 Totemism and the manitou

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14 EXAM over pages 85-164 of Howells & Report

March #1/

26 Spirit possession and glossolalia

March Voodoo

28 Idols and images

Syncretism

April 2
April 4
Prophetic and nativistic movements

April 9
April 11
April 10
Cargo cults
Review day
EXAM

April 16 Falls also make

April 18 Folk churches

April 23 Neopaganism in America (In "gods" we trust)

Death, ghosts and ancestor worship

April 25 Magical treatment of illness

April 30 Folk psychiatry

May 2 Film

May 7

May 9 Review and catchup

May 15 (Wednesday) Final exam 8-9:50

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Are the "heathen" really lost?

Want more out of life?

10/40 Window

Searching for God's will?

An African martyr's statement on commitment

Mission trip fund raising

10 ways to ruin mission trips

Nazarene Missions International resource pages



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Requirements

- 1. **Regular attendance.** An important component of this course is what goes on in the classroom: lectures, presentations, interaction and discussions. Therefore, unexcused absences will reduce the final course grade.
- All of the textbooks will have to be read in their entirety. At exam times you will be asked if you have completed the readings assigned in preparation for that particular exam.
- 3. Three written papers on assigned topics related to the course content. These should be typed, double-spaced with a bibliography of sources consulted. Quotes and other material needing documentation do not require full foot- or endnotes. Rather, this can be done in the style of sociological and anthropological theses, e.g.: (Kiev: 134). In this case Kiev is the name of the author being cited and 134 is the page on which the citation is found.
 - A really impressive paper would be one based on an interview with someone involved in a tribal or traditional religion. Such a paper, while primarily field research, should also have a minimum foundation of some library research.
 - A suggested bibliography of sources available in the university library is

- included. You need not, however, confine yourself to these sources.
- 4. **Written video reflections.** Whenever videos are shown in class, you must write a minimum one-page analysis/reflection paper on it to be turned in by the next class period.
- 5. Read Paul Hiebert's article, "The Flaw of the Excluded Middle." It can be found in the 1982 bound copy of *Missiology* or in the third edition of *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*. Turn in a one-page reaction/summary.

Grading

The letter grade for the course will generally be assigned according to the standard breakdown (A=90% or above, B=80% of above, etc.). The following percentages will be used to compute the course grade:

- 4 exams @100 points 400 CP10, CP19, CX1, CX4, CX5, CX6
- 3 Papers @100 points 300 CP1, CP2, CP10, CX4, CX5, CX6
- Review of Hiebert's article 10 CP19, CX5, CX6
- Video Reviews (each) 10 CP19, CX4, CX5, CX6
- Attendance 100 CP10, CP10, CX1, CX4, CX5, CX6

Assignments which come in late will be subject to a reduction in grade.

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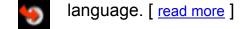
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How do I go about learning their language?

The gospel can never become contextualized until it is expressed in a people's native (or heart)



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