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Political scientists have generally associated secularization with the notion of “modernization”, or political development; yet the end of the second millennium has seen the resurgence of the role of religion in politics. From the role of ecclesiastical leadership in ending *apartheid* in South Africa and promoting the downfall of state communism in Eastern Europe, to the assertion of competing territorial claims and resurgence of Islamic fundamentalism in the Middle East, and judgments in American domestic politics on issues from abortion to the legitimacy of socioeconomic inequality, religio-philosophical perspectives have reasserted their influence on political affairs. Thus, where the theologies of St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas were among the most important contributors to Western political theory in the past, religious activists and theologians are continuing to make such contributions in response to the challenges associated with modernity.

This course offers a critical examination of one of the most significant and influential currents of such thought today: the theology (or, more accurately, theologies) of liberation. In North America, liberation theology is commonly misapprehended as *passé* and limited in scope to Latin America. In fact, the roots of liberation theology can be traced back to European philosophers of the crisis of Western modernity at the beginning of the twentieth century.

Thus, while inspired by the challenges of doing effective ministry in the harsh economic and political realities of Latin America in the 1960s, Latin American liberation theology has both (1) inspired and strengthened numerous variations on its core themes, in the forms of Black theologies, feminist theologies, and, theologies of liberation and change in support of indigenous rights movements, on the one hand; and, on the other, it has (2) come to be drawn into challenging and productive discourse with modernist and postmodernist paradigms of man and the world in the Europe and North America. As we parse the elements that distinguish the political theory of liberation theology from its orthodox predecessors, we will also analyze in non-Christian philosophico-religious settings, such as East Asia, South Africa, and the Middle East, analogues to the Latin American endeavor to marry Marxist-influenced perspectives with philosophico-religious systems of thought that the conventional wisdom has long held to be fundamentally antithetical. We will explore these efforts as they address liberation from oppression along gender, ethnic, and cultural, as well as economic axes.

Our approach will be at once historical and thematic. We will begin by considering how various religious and cultural traditions have conceptualized the relationship between human life in the material world and the relationship in which men and women live with God or the transcendent. We will analyze how efforts to respond to challenges engendered by socioeconomic change and the challenges of “modernity” gave rise to new bodies of political thought—“theologies of liberation”—beginning with their genesis in the crisis of modernity and the work of the new theologians of 20th century Western Europe through Latin America and their extension to other socio-economic, cultural, and gendered contexts. In each case, we will address and assess the political theory in these perspectives in light of their implications for current debates between modernists and postmodernists, liberals and communitarians, and multiculturalists and their critics.

PREREQUISITES

Students are not required to have any specific familiarity with Latin America, with systematic or liberation theology, or with Marxian or other Western political philosophy, although such knowledge would be helpful.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The seminar will meet every Wednesday, from 12:00 noon to 2:50 p.m., via Zoom (meeting ID: [773 911 848](#)) and will be held in a combination lecture-discussion format. This requires that all required readings be completed **before** the dates on which they are to be discussed so that discussions can be wide-ranging and productive. The following items that have been ordered and are available for purchase from the University Bookstore..

Leonardo Boff, *Church: Charism and Power* (New York: Wipf and Stock) ISBN 978-1-61097-831-6

Elaine Pagels, *Adam, Eve and the Serpent* (New York: Random House, 1988) ISBN: 0-394-521404

Robert C. Tucker, *Marx-Engels Reader*, rev. ed. (New York: W. W. Norton, 1975)

Recommended:

Phillip Berryman, *Liberation Theology: The Essential Facts about the Revolutionary Movement in Latin America and Beyond*, Temple University Press, 1987) (paper)

Jose Porfirio Miranda, *Being and the Messiah: The Message of St. John* (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2006)

Augustine of Hippo, trans. Henry Bettenson, *City of God* (Penguin Classics, 1984), ISBN 0-140-44894-2

David J. O'Brien, Thomas A. Shannon, *Catholic Social Thought: The Documentary Heritage*, paperback, Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2010, ISBN 1-57075-891-1

Austin Flannery, O.P., Gen. Ed., *Vatican Council II: The Basic Sixteen Documents*, Costello Publishing Co., Dominican Publications, ISBN 0-918344-37-9

The NRSV Standard Bible, Harper One, 1989, ISBN 978-0-06-194651-6)¹

¹ Please note that the Bible that has been ordered are the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) (in English), but students are free to use whatever Bible they might happen have on hand (including Spanish, Korean, or other foreign language versions), provided that they include both the Old and New Testament

Readings from which specific chapters or pages have been assigned have been scanned and are available on e-reserve.

Attendance is required at all class meetings,² and all students are expected to participate actively either during the synchronous meeting or in discussions on Canvas (if you happen to be located in a time zone that makes it difficult for you to access the live seminar meeting).

A short proposal for the final paper (4-5 pp.) will be due on Sunday, May 3, at 11:00 p.m. via Canvas, and a final paper (12 to 15 pages long) will be due on Friday, June 12, at 5:00 p.m. submitted via Canvas. The paper will be a thought piece based on materials assigned for this course. You may select two or more of the cases of liberation theology that we have studied. Alternatively, if you are working on an ongoing independent project (such as a seminar paper), you may develop a topic of your choice closely related to your individual research interests and may also incorporate materials from that project. Although all students must complete all the required readings, you should try to incorporate one or more of the recommended readings listed for the cases that you choose to treat in your final.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS AND LECTURE TOPICS

Week 1: (Apr 1) Course Introduction: Political Theory, Theology, and Ideology: An Analytical Framework

Required Readings:

In *The Holy Bible* read and/or review:

- *Genesis*, chaps. 1-17 (18-27 optional), 28, 32-48, 50:15-26 (The Creation narratives, and the Covenant with Abraham that is the shared root of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam)
- The Gospel according to *Mark*
- *Romans* 4-5

The Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM), "Medellín Documents on Peace and Justice," esp. the section "On Peace", paras. 14 et seq.

(and ideally the Apocrypha). There is also an excellent paper version on Amazon.com published by Oxford University Press (https://www.amazon.com/Holy-Bible-Revised-Standard-Apocrypha/dp/0195283805/ref=sr_1_4?crid=1J91OQGCRWUWQ&keywords=bible%2C+nrsv&qid=1583462412&srefix=Bible%2C+%2Caps%2C231&sr=8-4). The NRSV (in English) can be found online at: <https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/>. The *Qurān* and the *Lotus Sutra*, the primary text of Mahayana Buddhism (the prevalent form of Buddhism in China and Japan) will also be placed on Reserve at Geisel Library for those who wish to consult them.

² The exception to this rule is in case of illness. If you are ill, please do not come to class and expose others to your illness. When you have recovered, simply bring a doctor's note to verify your illness. If you anticipate missing class for some other reason, please notify the instructor in advance.

(1968), online at: <https://www.geraldschlabach.net/medellin-1968-excerpts/>

Recommended Readings for Students Desiring More Biblical Background:

*The Gospel according to *Luke*

*1 *Samuel* chaps. (1-15), 16-24, 2 *Samuel* 7: 4-29 (The Covenant with David)

**Isaiah* 9, 11

The Apostle's and Nicene Creeds (Available in "Files" Section on Canvas)

The Athanasian Creed (available online at:

<http://www.ccel.org/creeds/athanasian.creed.html>

PART I. THE POLITICAL THEORY OF ORTHODOX JUDAIC AND CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS

Week 2: (Apr 8) Paradigms, Paradigmatic Change, and the Development of Roman Catholic Orthodoxy on Church, Society, and Politics

The Exodus as Model of Liberation and Revolution and

The Reformation and the Hegelian Paradigm of History

Required Readings:

Thomas Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* (University of Chicago, 1970), Chapter 2: "The Route to Normal Science", pp. 10-22 (Reserve)

*Marx on the History of His Opinions," and "The Manifesto of the Communist Party," in

*Robert C. Tucker, *Marx-Engels Reader*

Pope Leo XIII, *Quod Apostolici Muneris* (Encyclical Letter, 28 December 1878) Online at:

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/leo_xiii/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_28121878_quod-apostolici-muneris_en.html

Pope Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum* (15 May 1891) online at:

http://www.osjspm.org/majordoc_rerum_novarum_official.aspx

Pope Pius XI, *Quadragesimo Anno* (15 May 1931), §§2-4, 10-11, 27-30, 45-46, 49, 44, 48, 65-74, 83, 92-94, 110, 120, 125-126, 137 (online, at

http://www.osjspm.org/majordoc_quadragesimo_anno_officialtext.aspx)

Centesimus Annus (Pope John Paul II's Encyclical Letter on the 100th Anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*) (May 1, 1991), §§6-24, (29-31), 33, last two paragraphs in §39, §49 (online

http://www.osjspm.org/majordoc_centesimus_annus_official_text.aspx)

Also Read and/or Review:

**Exodus* 1-25

**Daniel* chaps. 1-3

**Hebrews* 8-11 (on the Old and New Covenants)

Recommended Readings:

- Levi A. Olan, "Theology of Jewish Liberation," *Judaism* 27.1 (Winter 1978): 25-32
- Michael Walzer, *Exodus and Revolution* (New York: Basic Books, 1985)
- Marc H. Ellis, *Toward a Jewish Theology of Liberation: The Uprising and the Future* (Maryknoll: Orbis, 1989)
- Marc H. Ellis, *Beyond Innocence and Redemption: Confronting the Holocaust and Israeli Power* (Harper & Row, 1990)
- Marc H. Ellis, "Critical Thought and Messianic Trust: Reflections on a Jewish Theology of Liberation," *Ecumenical Review* 42.1 (January 1990): 35-47 (E-reserve)
- Elaine Pagels, *The Gnostic Gospels* (New York: Random House, Vintage Books, 1979, 1989), Introduction and chaps. 1, 2 (esp. p. 37), 5, and conclusion
- John R. Pottenger, *Reaping the Whirlwind: Liberal Democracy and the Religious Axis*, Religion and Politics Series (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2007), chap. 7
- Werner G. Jeanrond, "From Resistance to Liberation Theology: German Theologians and the Non/Resistance to the National Socialist Regime," *Journal of Modern History*, 64, Supplement: Resistance Against the Third Reich (December 1992): S187-S203 Stable URL: <http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-2801%28199212%2964%3CS187%3AFRTLGTG%3E2.0.CO%3B2-P>

PT II. MODERNITY, POSTMODERNITY, AND THE EMERGENCE OF THEOLOGIES OF LIBERATION

Week 3: (Apr 15) The Threefold Challenge of Marxism: The Critique of Religion, Capitalism, and the Capitalist State

Required Readings:

- "The German Ideology," "On the Jewish Question," "Contribution to Marx's Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right: Introduction," "On British Imperialism in India," "On Social Relations in Russia," all in *Robert C. Tucker, *Marx-Engels Reader*
- Miranda, "Christianity Is Communism," from José Porfírio Miranda, *Communism in the Bible* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1982), pp. 1-20, reprinted in Deane William Ferm, ed., *Third World Liberation Theologies: A Reader* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1986), (E-reserve)
- Miranda, *Being and the Messiah*, chaps. 1-2, 4, 7, 9

Recommended Readings:

- Leonardo Boff, *Jesus Christ Liberator: A Critical Christology for Our Time* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1978), chaps. 1, 4, and Epilogue
- Paulo, Freire, *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* (New York: Continuum, 1970)
- John R. Pottenger, *Reaping the Whirlwind: Liberal Democracy and the Religious Axis*, Religion and Politics Series (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2007), pt. II
- José Porfírio Miranda, trans. John Eagleson, *Marx and the Bible: A Critique of the Philosophy of Oppression* (originally published as *Marx y la biblia, Crítica a la filosofía de la*

- opresión*) (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1974), Prologue, Introduction, and chaps. 1-3, 5
- José Porfirio Miranda, trans. John Drury, *Marx Against the Marxists: The Christian Humanism of Karl Marx* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1980)
- José Porfirio Miranda, trans. Robert R. Barr, *Communism in the Bible* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1982)
- Roger N. Lancaster, *Thanks to God and the Revolution: Popular Religion and Class Consciousness in the New Nicaragua* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1988), chap. 6 ("Marxism and Religion: A Critique")
- José Míguez Bonino, *Christians and Marxists: The Mutual Challenge to Revolution* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976)

Week 4: (Apr 22) The Crisis of 20th-Century Modernity and the Emergence of a New Theological Paradigm

Required Readings:

- Reinhold Niebuhr, "The Truth in Myths," pp. 15-31; "Theology and Political Thought in the Western World," pp. 55-66; and "The Spiritual Life of Modern Man," pp. 67-76 in *Faith and Politics* (New York: Braziller, 1968) (E-reserve)
- Emmanuel Levinas, *Basic Philosophical Writings* (Indiana University Press, 1996), Chap. 1 "Is Ontology Fundamental?," pp. 1-10; and Chap. 5, "Substitution," pp. 79-96 (E-reserve)
- Schillebeeckx, *The Language of Faith* (London: SCM Press, 1995), chaps. 5 and 6
- Roberto Oliveras, "The History of the Theology of Liberation," (Chap. 1, pp. 3-32), and Gustavo Gutierrez, "The Option for the Poor," (Chap. 12, pp. 235-250), both in Ignacio Ellacuría and Jon Sobrino, eds., *Mysterium Liberationis: Fundamental Concepts of Liberation Theology*(E-reserve)

Recommended Readings:

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*, pp. 45-76
- Berryman, *Liberation Theology*, chaps. 1-2, 5-6, pp. 185-200
- Enrique Dussel, "Eurocentrism and Modernity (Introduction to the Frankfurt Lectures)", *boundary 2* 20:3 (1993): 65-76
- Enrique Dussel, *The Underside of Modernity: Apel, Ricoeur, Rorty, Taylor and the Philosophy of Liberation* (Humanity Books, 1996)
- Enrique D. Dussel, *Método Para Una Filosofía De La Liberación — Superación analéctica de la dialéctica hegeliana* (Salamanca: Ediciones Sígueme, 1974)
- Enrique D. Dussel, *The Invention of the Americas: Eclipse of "the Other" and the Myth of Modernity* (Continuum Intl Pub Group, 1995)
- Enrique Dussel, "'Sensibility' and 'Otherness' in Emmanuel Lévinas," *Philosophy Today*, vol. 43.2 (Summer 1999): 126-134
- Emmanuel Lévinas, *Totality and Infinity: An Essay on Exteriority* (Pittsburgh: Duquesne University Press, 1969)
- Emmanuel Lévinas, *Altérité et transcendance* [Alterity and transcendence]. Michael B. Smith, trans. (New York: Columbia University Press, 1999)
- Matthew Held, "The Historical Kierkegaard: Faith or Gnosis," *The Journal of Religion*

- 37.4 (October 1957): 260-266. (JSTOR)
- Gustavo Gutierrez, *A Theology of Liberation*, rev. ed. (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1988)
- Anselm Kyongsuk Min, "Toward a Dialectic of Totality and Infinity: Reflections on Emmanuel Levinas." *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 78, No. 4. (Oct., 1998): 571-592 (J-STOR)
- Peter Hebblethwaite, "Liberation Theology and the Roman Catholic Church," in *The Cambridge Companion to Liberation Theology*, ed. Christopher Rowland (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), pp. 209-228
- Raúl Fornet-Betancourt, *Interculturalidad y filosofía en América*, Aachen, Germany: Wissenschaftsverlag, 2003
- Raúl Fornet-Betancourt, *Transformaciones del marxismo : historia del marxismo en América Latina*, Mexico, D.V.: Plaza y Valdés Editores, 2001
- Raúl Fornet-Betancourt, ed., *Filosofía, teología, literatura : aportes cubanos en los últimos 50 años*, Aachen, Germany: Mainz, 1999
- Raúl Fornet-Betancourt, *Quo vadis, Philosophie? : Antworten der Philosophen : Dokumentation einer Weltumfrage*, Aachen: Mainz, 1999
- Raúl Fornet-Betancourt, *Hacia una filosofía intercultural latinoamericana*, San José, Costa Rica: Editorial Departamento Ecueménico de Investigaciones, 1994
- Alejandro A. Vallego, "Latin American Philosophy and Liberation: Enrique Dussel's Project of a Philosophy of Liberation", in *Latin American Philosophy from Identity to Radical Exteriority* (Indiana University Press, 2014), pp. 52-75

Week 5 (Apr 29): An Alternative Ecclesiastical Paradigm in Comunidades de Base

Required Readings:

- Carlos Alberto Torres, Chart entitled "Proposed Typology of Internal Tendencies of the Latin American Church", from Torres, *The Church, Society, and Hegemony: A Critical Sociology of Religion in Latin America*, trans. Richard A. Young (New York: Praeger, 1992), p. 99 (on Canvas)
- Marcello de C. Azevedo, "Basic Ecclesiastical Communities," in Ellacuría and Sobrino, eds., *Mysterium Liberationis*, pp. 636-652 (E-reserve)
- Leonardo Boff, *Church: Charism and Power*, Chaps. 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10

Recommended Readings:

- José Porfirio Miranda, trans. John Drury, *Marx Against the Marxists* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1980), chap. 9: "Marx's Thought as a Conscious Continuation of Early Christianity"
- Andrew Dawson, "The Origins and Character of the Base Ecclesial Community: A Brazilian Perspective," in *The Cambridge Companion to Liberation Theology*, ed. Christopher Rowland (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), pp. 139-158
- Hugo Assmann, "The Christian Contribution to Liberation in Latin America," in Deane William Fernald, *Third World Liberation Theologies: A Reader* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1986)
- Phillip Berryman, *Liberation Theology: Essential Facts about the Revolutionary Movement*

- in Latin America* (Temple University Press, 1987), chaps. 3-4, 7
- Gustavo Gutierrez, *A Theology of Liberation*, rev. ed. (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1988)
- Roger N. Lancaster, *Thanks to God and the Revolution: Popular Religion and Class Consciousness in the New Nicaragua* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1988), chap. 3 ("Liberation Theology and the Spirit of Socialism in Nicaragua")
- Juan Luis Segundo, trans. John Dury, *Liberation of Theology* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1976), chaps. 1, 3, 5-7
- John Burdick, *Looking for God in Brazil: The Progressive Catholic Church in Urban Brazil's Religious Arena*. University of California Press: Berkeley/ Los Angeles/ London, 1993

PART III: CROSSING BORDERS, CONTESTING FRONTIERS: CULTURE, ETHNICITY, GENDER, AND NON-JUDEO-CHRISTIAN THEOLOGIES OF LIBERATION

Week 6 (May 6): Asian Theologies of Liberation

Required Readings:

- Germaine A. Hoston, "A 'Theology' of Liberation?," in *Ideas Across Cultures: Essays on Chinese Thought in Honor of Benjamin I. Schwartz*, eds. Paul Cohen and Merle Goldman (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1990), pp. 165-221 (and notes, pp. 340-364) Stable URL: www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1tg5h99.11
- Deane William Felm, "Outlining Rice-Roots Theology," URL: <http://www.religion-online.org/showarticle.asp?title=1367>
- C. S. Song, "The Cross and the Lotus," pp. 300-323, in Deane William Felm, *Third World Liberation Theologies: A Reader* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1968) (E-reserve)
- Kim Yong-bok, "Messiah and Minjung: Discerning Messianic Politics over against Political Messianism," pp. 373-383, in Dean William Felm, *Third World Liberation Theologies: A Reader* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1968) (E-reserve)
- Sebastian C. H. Kim, "The Problem of Poverty in Post-War Korean Christianity: Kibock Sinang or Minjung Theology?" *Transformation* 24.1 (January 2007): 43-50 Stable URL: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/43052688>
- Chung, Paul S. "Dietrich Bonhoeffer Seen from Asian Minjung Theology and the Fourth Eye of Socially Engaged Buddhism." *Asian Contextual Theology for the Third Millennium: Theology of Minjung in Fourth-Eye Formation*, edited by Paul S. Chung et al., James Clarke & Co Ltd, Cambridge, 2007, pp. 127-146. JSTOR, www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1cgf1h9.13

Recommended:

- Paul Yunsik Chang, "Christianity and the Minjung Imaginary" (Internet document http://www.hcs.harvard.edu/~yisei/issues/12_2.pdf)
- Jooseop Keum, "Church, Minjung, and State: The Revival of Protestant Christianity in North Korea," *Studies in World Christianity* 8.2 (2002) : 264-284
- Kenneth M. Wells, ed., *South Korea's Minjung Movement: The Culture and Politics of Dissidence* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1995)
- Bastiaan Wielenga, "Liberation Theology in Asia," in *The Cambridge Companion to*

- Liberation Theology*, ed. Christopher Rowland (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), pp. 55-78
- Commission on Theological Concerns of the Christian Conference in Asia, *Minjung Theology: People as the Subjects of History* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1983)
- Choan-Seng Song, *Third-Eye Theology: Theology in Formation in Asian Settings*, rev. ed. (originally published 1979) (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1991)
- C. S. Song, *The Compassionate God* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1982)
- Hyun-Kyung Chung, *Struggle to be the Sun Again: Introducing Asian Women's Theology* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1990)
- Koyama Kōsuke, *Water buffalo Theology* (London: S.C.M. Press, 1974)
- David Kwang-sun Suh, *The Korean Minjung in Christ*, Commission on Theological Concerns of the Christian Conference of Asia, 1991
- Fabella, Virginia and Lee Sun Ai Park, eds., *We Dare to Dream: Doing Theology as Asian Women* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1990)
- Jung Young Lee, *An Emerging Theology in World Perspective: Commentary on Korean Minjung Theology* (Mystic, CT: Twenty-third Publications, 1988)
- Kusuke Koyama, *Mount Fuji and Mount Sinai: A Critique of Idols* (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1984)
- Aloysius Pieris, S. J. [Sri Lanka], *An Asian Theology of Liberation* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1988)
- Masao Takenaka and Ron O'Grady, eds., *The Bible Through Asian Eyes* (Auckland, New Zealand : Pace Pub. in association with Asian Christian Art Association; Cincinnati, OH : Friendship Press [distributor], 1991) (available at Graduate Theological Union through Melvyl) (N8028 .B5 1991)
- Paul S. Chung, Kim Kyoung-jae, and Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, eds., *Asian Contextual Theology for the Third Millennium: A Theology of Minjung in Fourth-Eye Formation*, Princeton Theological Monograph Series 70 (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2007)
- Kazō Kitamori 北森嘉藏, *Kami no itami no shingaku 神の痛みの神学*[Theology of God's Pain] Tokyo: Kodansha, 1958, 1992
- Kazoh Kitamori, *Theology of the Pain of God* (Richmond: Knox, 1965)
- Thích Nhất Hạnh, [Zen Master] *Interbeing: Fourteen Guidelines for Engaged Buddhism*, 3d ed. (Berkeley, Calif. : Parallax Press, 1993)
- Sulak Sivaraksa, *Seeds of Peace: A Buddhist Vision for Renewing Society* (Berkeley, CA: Parallax Press, 1992)
- Christopher S. Queen and Sallie B. King, *Engaged Buddhism: Buddhist Liberation Movements in Asia* (Albany: State University of New York, 1996)
- David Burton, *Buddhism, Knowledge and Liberation : A Philosophical Study*, Ashgate World Philosophies Series (Aldershot, Hants, England ; Burlington, VT : Ashgate, 2004)

Week 7 (May 13): The America – Africa Nexus: The Problem of Racism and the Twin Legacies of Colonialism and Slavery

Required Readings:

- James H. Cone, "The White Church and Black Power," pp. 112-132, and
 Choan-Seng Song, "The Black Experience of the Exodus," pp. 568-583, both in Gayraud

S. Wilmore and James H. Cone, eds. *Black Theology: A Documentary History, 1966-1979* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1979) (E-reserve)
 Frantz Fanon, "On National Culture," pp. 206-248, in *The Wretched of the Earth* (New York: Grove Press, 1963) (E-reserve)
 Allan Boesak, "Liberation Theology in South Africa," pp. 265-271; and
 Allan Boesak, "Black and Reformed: Contradiction or Challenge?" pp. 272-284, both in
 Ferm, ed., *Third World Liberation Theologies: A Reader* (E-reserve)
 Justin S. Ukpong, "Current Theology: The Emergence of African Theologies," *Theological Studies* 45.3 (September 1984): 501-536. Stable URL:
http://search.atlaonline.com/pls/eli/eli_bg.superframe?PID=n0040-5639_045_03_cov2a

Recommended Readings:

Alan Boesak, *Black and Reformed: Apartheid, Liberation, and the Calvinist Tradition* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1984)
 Alan Aubrey Boesak, *Comfort and Protest: Reflections on the Apocalypse of John of Patmos*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press. Edinburgh: Saint Andrew's Press, 1987
 Alan Boesak, *Farewell to Innocence: A Socio-Ethical Study on Black Theology and Power* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1977)
 Martin Luther King, Jr., James Washington, ed., *A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (San Francisco: Harper & Row)
 James H. Cone, "Black Theology and the Black Church: Where Do We Go From Here?" in Wilmore and Cone, eds., *Black Theology*, pp. 350-376
 Marjorie Hope and James Young, *The South African Churches in a Revolutionary Situation* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1981)
 Basil Moore, ed., *Black Theology: The South African Voice* (London: Hurst, 1973)
 John Parratt, "Marxism, Black Theology, and the South African Dilemma," *Journal of Modern African Studies* 28.3 (September 1990): 527-533.
 Desmond Tutu, *Hope and Suffering: Sermons and Speeches* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1984)
 Cornel West, "Black Theology and Marxist Thought," in Wilmore and Cone, eds., *Black Theology*, pp., 552-567
 Edward Antonio, "Black Theology," in *The Cambridge Companion to Liberation Theology*, ed. Christopher Rowland (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), pp. 79-104
 Cornel West, *Prophesy Deliverance! An Afro-American Revolutionary Christianity* (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1982)

Week 8 (May 20): *Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy in Islam: Jihad and Radical Islamist Theologies*

Required Readings:

The Qurān, surats (chaps.) 1, 2: 1-7, 28-39, 47-103, 124- 136, 177, 188, 193, 254-257 (preferred translation: Muhammad Asad, available on reserve, but feel free to use the translation by Youssef Ali, which is the most widely used translation)
 "Islam, Fundamentalism, and Modernism," pp. 90-94;
 Mahmud Shaltut, "Socialism and Islam," pp. 108-116;
 "Introduction to Political and Social Thought in Iran," pp. 463-472;

Ali Shariati, "A New Understanding of Islam and Man," pp. 516-528; "Revolutionary Fundamentalism in Action: The People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran," 528-535, all in *Political and Social Thought in the Contemporary Middle East*, ed. Kemal H. Karpat (New York: Praeger, 1968) ISBN 0-275-91541-7 (R)

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