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THEO 155 (Summer 2017) ADAM and EVE

This course looks at the story of Adam and Eve, especially as it is found in the Bible's Book of Genesis. It examines the history of Muslim, Jewish, Christian and non-religious interpretations of the story, as well as contemporary issues related to it. These issues include humans' role in the natural world, the meaning of death, evolution/creationism, moral decision-making, the origins of evil, gender relations, race relations, and sexuality.

COURSE READINGS:

Various readings available on-line via CANVAS (canvas.georgetown.edu)
Kvam, ed., *Eve and Adam* (Bloomington: Indiana U. Press, 1999), ISBN: 0253212715

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Regular, punctual attendance (see Note #2 below)

Midterm Exam	50%
Final Exam	50%

NOTES

1. In keeping with the emphasis in this class on your own thoughts and ideas, academic honesty is expected. **ANY INSTANCE OF CHEATING OR PLAGIARISM WILL BE REFERRED TO THE HONOR COUNCIL.** Any work found to have been plagiarized will receive a failing grade.
2. It is expected that all students will attend all class sessions. **MORE THAN ONE UNEXCUSED ABSENCE WILL AFFECT A STUDENT'S GRADE IN THE COURSE.** Absences will be considered "excused" if they are due to a mandatory university-sponsored activity such as required travel for athletic events, to religious observance, or to illness. In all cases, students are responsible for material missed due to absences.
3. Students may erase one (but only one!) absence by visiting a museum exhibit a lecture on campus or elsewhere. Please submit a summary (no more than one page long) of your experience as evidence of your attendance.
4. If you are unable to attend class, please notify me via phone or e-mail as early as possible. It is your responsibility to obtain notes from the missed class. If you miss three classes in a row due to illness, please obtain a doctor's note.
5. Students may use laptops in the classroom if necessary.
6. As a safety measure, students should retain one copy of every paper that they hand in and should retain all course assignments until they have received their final grades.
7. If you wish to contest a grade, you may do so in writing within two weeks of my handing the assignment back. You should include a copy of the graded assignment and a typed explanation of why you feel the grade was inappropriate.
8. **Work turned in late will lose 5 points per day.** Exceptions will be made **ONLY** in case of serious illness. A computer virus is not considered a serious illness.
9. Class sessions may be taped only with the express permission of the instructor.

READINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS

WEEK #1

Cracking the Binding

Monday, June 3, 2019 No Reading

Reading and Rereading Genesis 1-5

Tuesday, June 4 Kvam 1-26 (Note: This will take you a while to read.)

Wednesday, June 5 Kvam 26-40, 430-44

Early Jewish Readings

Thursday, June 6 CANVAS: Ginzberg, excerpts from *Legends of the Jews* (available as both a pdf and as a web site)

WEEK #2

Early Christian Readings

Monday, June 10 1. Kvam 108-19, 130-32
2. CANVAS: Pagels 127-50
3. CANVAS: Jerome, "Letter to Eustochium"

Tuesday, June 11 CANVAS: Augustine, *The City of God* (excerpts)
CANVAS: *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (excerpt)

Eve and the Virgin Mary

Wednesday, June 12 CANVAS: Warner 34-67

The Middle Ages

Thursday, June 13 Kvam 169-72, 225-48

Poetry and Art

WEEK #3

Monday, June 17 CANVAS: Anderson 1-20
CANVAS: Ancient Homily, "The Lord Descends Into Hell"

