STH-D533

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3 Credits

Description:

The course is a systematic study of the **two-fold foundation** of an integrated, incarnational spirituality: the **anthropological component** and the **grace component**. Central to the course is the study of **conversion** in its religious, moral, psychic, and intellectual forms. **Theological and moral virtue** will be explored and **religious phenomena of our day**, such as the occult, new ageism, and fundamentalism will be addressed. (Cross listed with CFS-D530)

Objectives:

- 1. To probe what is meant by an **integrated incarnational spirituality**, and to develop a critical sense from this understanding.
- 2. To examine the **structure of conversion**, and to understand the distinct interaction of the human and the divine in the conversion process.
- 3. To understand the meaning of **virtue** as theological and moral as it functions in the human person.
- 4. To assess contemporary spiritual movements and writers.

Procedures:

The course will include both lecture and discussion, oral and written activities. Auditors are welcome if willing to do what is required for full oral participation. Activities include a one-page report on a current religious movement, a book and media critique, and a final seven page synthesis paper or project.

Evaluation:

From attendance and participation, written and oral presentations.

Required Texts:

Foundations of Christian Spirituality: The Holy and the Human. Carla Mae Streeter, OP, Unpublished Text and accompanying class notes. (Approx. \$20 Purchase from the professor the first day of class)

The Human and the Holy: Foundations of Spirituality. Carla Mae Streeter, OP. Chevy

Chase, MD: NowYouKnow Media, 2010. (\$35 Purchase from the professor)

Spirituality, Health and Healing. Richard Woods, OP. Chevy Chase, MD: NowYouKnow Media, 2010. (\$25 Purchase from the professor)

Best Selling Spirituality: American Cultural Change and the New Shape of Faith. Mars Hill Audio, 1999. (Multiple copies on reserve – no need to purchase)

Rolheiser, Ronald. *The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality*. NY: Doubleday, 1999.

Required articles will be found on E-reserve through St. Louis University Library.

Recommended Texts: Will be found on reserve – these texts will be used only in part.