

Fall Term 2009
“Bible, Christian Theology and Vocation”

Religion 300-R

Session: _____ Topic: _____ Texts: _____

1. Introduction – Objectives – Expectations – Terms and Concepts
2. Judaism and Christianity – History and Practice
3. Islam - Belief and Practice
4. Issues in Biomedical Ethics Veatch, Haddad, English
5. Case Studies in Biomedical Ethics Veatch, Haddad, English
6. The Holocaust as a Jewish & Christian Tragedy (Coursepack-Rel300)
7. The Life and Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Matthews)

This course in religion is designed so that each student: reviews/learns the fundamentals of Jewish, Christian, and Islamic beliefs using the Old and New Testaments of the Bible and the Koran; examines particular cases/issues of biomedical ethics, learning principles, models, and consequences of selected approaches; becomes sensitized to humanity’s failure during the Holocaust; experiences the Christian beliefs/witness of pastor/theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer; grows in awareness and appreciation of today’s pluralistic religious context; and finally, understands the importance of authentic religious faith for holistic life and vocation.

In addition to regular class attendance, each student is expected to write three response papers, and take three objective tests.

Required texts:

“The Holocaust and the Churches” (Rel300 Coursepack)

“Anxious Souls Will Ask . . .” (John W. Matthews) Eerdmans Publishing Co. 2005

“Case Studies in Biomedical Ethics” (Veatch, Haddad, English) Oxford Univ. Press 2010