

MYTH AND THEOLOGY

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Schedule of Readings

Jan. 20: Introduction: schedule of readings and assignments for the course.

Jan. 27: Entree into the problematic.

Readings: R. Bultmann, Jesus Christ and Mythology.
_____, "New Testament and Mythology,"
Kerygma and Myth, H.W. Bartsch, ed., 1-44.

Suggested: P. Ricoeur, "Préface à Bultmann," Le
conflit des interprétations, 373-392.

Feb. 3: Readings: J.M. Robinson, "Einleitung," to Hans
Jonas, Augustin und das paulinische
Freiheitsproblem, 12-22. (Interpretation 20 (1966
65-77.) Über die hermeneutische
H. Jonas, "Anhang, I, ~~Struktur~~ Struktur des Dogmas,"
80-89.

B. Lonergan, "Dimensions of Meaning,"
Collection, 252-267.

Feb. 10: ~~Background to Bultmann and the opening to a Post-Bult-~~
~~mannian approach.~~

Readings: H.G. Gadamer, "On the Problem of Self-
Understanding (1962)" Philosophical
Hermeneutics, 44-58.

_____, "Martin Heidegger and Marburg
Theology" Ibid., 198-212.

B. Lonergan, "Meaning," Method in Theology,
57-99.

Feb. 17: Religious experience and undifferentiated consciousness:

Readings: M. Eliade, "Sacred Space and Making the
World Sacred," The Sacred and the Profane,

_____, "Sacred Time and Myths," Ibid.

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_____, "The Sacredness of Nature and Cosmic Religion," Ibid.

_____, "Human Existence and Sanctified Life," Ibid.

B. Lonergan, "Religion," Method in Theology, 101-124.

Suggested: James G. Hart, "Mythic World as World," International Philosophical Quarterly, 15 (1975) 51-67.

Mar. 3: Myth as correlated with an aesthetic differentiation of consciousness:

Reading: J.A. Stewart, "Introduction," The Myths of Plato, esp. 4-7, 14-15, 19-23, 33-37, 40-45, 49-60.

Myth as correlated with transcultural structures of symbolic horizon:

Readings: A. Vergote, "La déhiscence verticale," Interpretation du langage religieux.

_____, "Le Nom du Père et l'écart de la topographie symbolique," Ibid.

Mar. 10: Myth and ~~incarnate~~ ^{incarnate} meaning:

Readings: To be selected from G. Morel, Le sens de l'Existence selon S. Jean de la Croix, 1960-61.

Mar. 17: Myth and symbols:

Readings: P. Ricoeur, "Introduction: Phenomenology of Conversion," The Symbolism of Evil, 3-24.

_____, "Introduction: The Symbolic Function of Myths," Ibid., 161-174.

_____, "Conclusion: The Symbol Gives Rise to Thought," Ibid., 347-357.

G. Barden, "The Symbolic Mentality," Philosophical Studies (Maynooth), 15 (1966) 28-57.

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Mar. 24: ~~Mythic consciousness~~, authenticity, and the advent of differentiations of consciousness:

Readings: E. Voegelin, "Reason: The Classic Experience," The Southern Review, 10 (1974) 237-264.

_____, "The Gospel and Culture," Jesus and Man's Hope, D.G. Miller, D.Y. Hadidian, eds., 59-101.

Mar. 31: Readings: E. Voegelin, "Introduction," Ecumenic Age, (Order and History IV), 1-58.

_____, "Equivalences of Experience and Symbolization in History," Eternità e storia, 215-234.

Apr. 14: Readings: B. Lonergan, "Aquinas Today; Tradition and Innovation," The Journal of Religion, 55 (1975) 165-180.

_____, "Philosophy and Theology," Second Collection, 193-208.

_____, "Systematics," Method in Theology, 335-353.

Apr. 21: Readings: P. Schoonenberg, Theology Digest, 23 (1975) 38-44.

B. Lonergan, "The Origins of Christian Realism," Second Collection, 239-261.

Apr. 28: Wrap-up.