

THEO5331 Humanity and Salvation
2018-2019 2nd Term

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Location: ELB 403 Time: Mon 19:00 ~ 21:30

Course Description

This course aims at introducing the students to the basic understanding on Christian idea on the humanity and salvation. The approach will focus on the historical and systematic relationship between the nature of humanity and salvation. We will examine the role of these notions in the field of Christian systematic theology and how this understanding can have fruitful dialogue with different worldviews and current issues.

Course Content and Schedule

Introduction:

Lecture 1 (Jan 7): Human and Salvation: A Western-Chinese Perspective

Part A: Christian Anthropology

Lecture 2 (Jan 14): being Transcendence

Basic Readings:

1. WM

Lecture 3 (Jan 21): being Transcendence

Basic Readings:

1. MA: 61-90

Lecture 4 (Jan 28): Embodiment (Body and soul)

Basic Readings:

1. BT
2. TTB

Lecture 5 (Feb 11): Embodiment (sex and gender)

Basic Readings:

- 1.OBH, Ch.8
- 2.BS

Lecture 6 (Feb 18): Human Being as Individual-in-Community (Relational Being)

Basic Readings:

1. PR, Introduction, CH.3
2. CP, Ch.3
3. PDH
4. RTA
5. BC

Lecture 7 (Feb 25): Narrative Self (being in memory and history)

Basic Readings:

1. PR

Lecture 8 (March 4): Human Being as being-towards-death

Basic Readings:

1. AE
2. Death

Lecture 9 (March 11): Human Being as Fallen human (Sin)

Basic Readings:

3. SIN, Ch. 2-3, 9
4. MR

Part B: Christian Idea of Salvation

Lecture 10 (March 18): Objective Dimension: Christ Event

Basic Readings:

1. SS, Ch.2
2. TR, Ch.1

Lecture 11 (March 25): Subjective Dimension: Being Salvaged

Basic Readings:

1. LF, CH. 3-5
2. JCF, CH.2-4

Lecture 12 (April 8): Universal Salvation: Cosmic Dimension

Basic Readings:

1. NG, CH. 4-6
2. US, Ch. 1 &2

Lecture 13: (April 15): Embodying Grace: Salvation as Liberation

Basic Readings:

1. EG, Ch.4
2. LG, CH.15

Basic Text Book:

1. On being human : essays in theological anthropology / by Ray S. Anderson.
Chinese translation, 论成为人 : 神学人类学专论 / 雷·S.安德森著 ; 叶汀译
2. The human being : a theological anthropology / Hans Schwarz
3. In Search of Humanity: A theological and Philosophical Approach / by John Macquarrie
(reserved in CUHK library for 4 hrs)

Tutorial Material:

1. Ian A. McFarland, ed. *Creation and Humanity: The Sources of Christian Theology* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2009) [reserved in CUHK library for 4 hrs]

Readings for Students

- OBH** Ray S. Anderson, *On being human : essays in theological anthropology*
- WM** Pannenberg, *What is man? Contemporary anthropology in theological perspective. (Chinese translation)*
- SHP** Godfrey Igwebuike Onah, *Self-transcendence and human history in Wolfhart Pannenberg*
- MA** Andrew Nicholas Woznicki, *Metaphysical animal : divine and human in man*
- ECA** Ernst M. Conradie, *An ecological Christian anthropology : at home on earth?*
- PR** John Macmurray, *Persons in Relation*
- CP** Alistair I. McFadyen, *The Call to Personhood*
- PDH** Christopher Schwobel ed., *Person, Divine and Human, III 1.*

- RTA** F.LeRon Shults, *Reforming Theological Anthropology*, chapter 8-10.
- BC** John D.Zizioulas, *Being as Communion*, chapter 1-2
- BS** Lisa Sowle Cahill, *Between the Sexes* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1985), chapter 3 & 6
- BT** Lisa Isherwood, *Introducing Body Theology*, chapter 3.
- TTB** Mary Timothy Prokes, *Towards a Theology of the Body*, chapter 6.
- SIN** G.C.Berkouwer, *Sin* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1971)
- MR** Emil Brunner, *Man in Revolt, Ch.VI-VII*
- AE** David Albert Jones, *Approaching the End*, chapter 6.
- Death** Eberhard Jungel, *Death*
- EG** Andera Bieler & Hans-Martin Gutmann, *Embodying Grace*
- LG** Leonardo Boff, *Liberating Grace*
- SS** John McIntyre, *The Shape of Soteriology*
- TR** Colin Gunton (ed.), *The Theology of Reconciliation*
- LF** Oswald Bayer, *Living by Faith*
- JCT** Mark C. Mattes, *The Role of Justification in Contemporary Theology*
- NG** James Carpenter, *Nature and Grace*
- US** Robin A.Parry & Christopher Partridge (eds), *Universal Salvation ? The Current Debate*
- PR** *From Paul Ricoeur's narrative identity to theology of self : righteousness, Christian identity / Yuan I. Lin.*

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge outcomes

1. To understand Christian doctrine of human being and salvation
2. To understand the key issues of the past and current discussion about these doctrines
3. To be able to articulate answers to the current problems by using these Christian resources

Attitude outcomes

1. To develop a critical yet constructive attitude in understanding the relationships between the Christian idea on human being and salvation.
2. To develop a sensitivity to the practical effectiveness of these doctrines

Assessment Scheme

Tasks	Weight
Reading Reports	30%
Individual / Project Presentations	25%
Final Paper	45%

Reading Reports

- Undergraduate students (B.D.): students are required to finish **ONE** reading reports. Word count of each report should not less than 2000 words
- Postgraduate students (M.Div. and others): students are required to finish **ONE** reading reports. Word count of each report should not less than 2500 words

Individual / Project Presentations

B.D. & M.Div. students are required to have oral presentation on chosen topics from the book *Creation and humanity: the sources of Christian theology*.

Final Research Paper

- Undergraduate students (B.D.): Each student will submit a final research paper. Word count for B.D. students should be around 4000-5000 words
- Postgraduate students (M.Div. and others): Each student will submit a final research paper. Word count for M.Div. students should be around 5000-6000 words

Learning Activities

Lecture (hr) in / out class		Tutorial (hr) in / out class		Group Projects (hr) in / out class		Project Presentation (hr) in / out class		Final Paper (hr) in / out class	
3	3				3	1	2		3
M	M	NA	NA	NA	M	M	M	NA	M

M: Mandatory activity

O: Optional activity

NA: Not applicable

Learning resources for students

The basic readings for the course are stated above. Other suggested readings will be given in class and through Moodle.

Feedback for evaluation

An end-of-term university wide course evaluation will be conducted in class. Instructor is welcome for any personal exchange through emails in Moodle to communicate with students.

A facility for posting course announcements

Course announcements, assignment, and feedback will be given through Moodle. All questions with regard to the course could be posted on the discussion forum in Moodle.

Academic honesty and plagiarism

Each student must upload a soft copy of the completed assignment to the plagiarism detection engine CUPIDE, at the URL: <https://cupide.cse.cuhk.edu.hk/cupide>. The system will issue a receipt which also contains a declaration of honesty, which should be signed and handed in to the lecture.