

THEO2231/5331 Humanity and Salvation

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Location: ELB 308 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 (Sept 6): Human and Salvation: A Western-Chinese Perspective

Part A: Christian Anthropology

Date	Topic	Tutorial Reading
Lecture 2 (Sept 13)	Transcendence	NIL
Lecture 3 (Sept 20)	Transcendence	NIL
Lecture 4 (Sept 27)	Embodiment (Body and soul)	NIL
Lecture 5 (Oct 4)	Embodiment (sex and gender)	NIL
Lecture 6 (Oct 11)	Relational Being	"The Basic Form of Humanity" / Karl Barth
Lecture 7 (Oct 18)	Narrative Self	"Woman as Answer" / Hans Urs von Balthasar
Lecture 8 (Oct 25)	Human Being as being-towards-death	"Toward a Feminist Anthropology beyond Liberalism and

		Romanticism" / Rosemary Radford Ruether
Lecture 9 (Nov 1)	Human Being as Fallen human (Sin)	"From Biological to Ecclesial Existence / John Zizioulas, The Ecclesiological Significance of the Person"

Part B: Christian Idea of Salvation

Date	Topic	Tutorial Reading
Lecture 10 (Nov 8)	Objective Dimension: Christ Event	"Contesting the Gendered Subject / Mary McClintock Fulkerson, A. Feminist Account of the Imago Dei"
Lecture 11 (Nov 15)	Subjective Dimension: Being Saved	Christian Faith, [actual symbol not reproducible]69, 71-72.2 / Friedrich Schleiermacher
Lecture 12 (Nov 22)	Universal Salvation: Cosmic Dimension	"The Kingdom of Evil" / Walter Rauschenbusch
Lecture 13: (Nov 29)	Embodying Grace: Salvation as Liberation	"The Reality of Nothingness" / Karl Barth

Basic Textbook:

1. Ray S. Anderson, *On being human : essays in theological anthropology* (Grand Rapids : Eerdmans,1982); Chinese translation, 雷·S.安德森著：《论成为人：神学人类学专论》
2. Hans Schwarz, *The human being : a theological anthropology* (Grand Rapids : Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, 2013)
3. John Macquarrie, *In Search of Humanity: A theological and Philosophical Approach* (London : SCM Press 1982) ; Chinese translation, 麦奎利著, 何光沪、高师宁译《探索人性：一种神学与哲学的途径》
(reserved in CUHK Chung Chi 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 Chung Chi library for 4 hrs]

References:

- Ray S. Anderson, *On being human : essays in theological anthropology* (Grand Rapids : Eerdmans,1982)
- Pannenberg, *What is man? Contemporary anthropology in theological perspective.* (Philadelphia : Fortress Press, 1970) (Chinese translation)
- Godfrey Igwebuike Onah, *Self-transcendence and human history in Wolfhart Pannenberg* (Lanham, Md. : University Press of America 1999)
- Andrew Nicholas Woznicki, *Metaphysical animal : divine and human in man* (New York : P. Lang, 1996)
- Ernst M. Conradie, *An ecological Christian anthropology : at home on earth?* (Aldershot, Hants, England ; Burlington, VT : Ashgate, 2005)
- John Macmurray, *Persons in Relation* (Amherst, N.Y. : Humanity Books, 1999)
- Alistair I.McFadyen, *The Call to Personhood* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990)
- Christopher Schwobel ed., *Person, Divine and Human*, III 1. (Edinburge: T & T Clark, 1982)
- F.LeRon Shults, *Reforming Theological Anthropology* (Grand Rapids, Mich. : W.B. Eerdmans Pub. c2003)
- John D.Zizioulas, *Being as Communion* (Crestwood, N.Y. : St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1993)
- Lisa Sowle Cahill, *Between the Sexes* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1985)
- Lisa Isherwood, *Introducing Body Theology* (Sheffield, Eng. : Sheffield Academic Press, 1998)
- G.C.Berkouwer, *Sin* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1971)
- Emil Brunner, *Man in Revolt* (New York : C. Scribner's Sons 1939)
- Eberhard Jungel, *Death* (Edinburgh : St. Andrew Press 1975)
- Andera Bieler & Hans-Martin Gutmann, *Embodying Grace* (American ed Minneapolis : Fortress Press, 2010)
- Leonardo Boff, *Liberating Grace* (Maryknoll,N.Y. : Orbis Books,1984)
- John McIntyre, *The Shape of Soteriology* (Edinburgh : T&T Clark 1995)
- Colin Gunton (ed.), *The Theology of Reconciliation* (London ; New York : T&T Clark ,2003)
- Robin A.Parry & Christopher Partridge (eds), *Universal Salvation ? The Current Debate* (Grand Rapids, Mich. : W.B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 2004)

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

- For B.D., M.Div.students: students are required to finish **ONE** reading reports. (students can choose **any 10 topics** covered in the book, *In Search of Humanity*)
- For M.A.students: students are required to finish **ONE** reading reports. (students can choose **any 15 topics** covered in the book, *In Search of Humanity*)

Individual / Project Presentations

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

Learning Activities

Lecture	Tutorial	Group	Project	Final Paper
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(hr) in / out class		(hr) in / out class		Projects (hr) in / out class		Presentation (hr) in / out class		(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 CUHK Blackboard.

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.