ADVANCED THEOLOGY: THY KINGDOM COME

RELG 434 Principles of Theology 2
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Description

This course is pursuant to RELG 333 (though it may be taken independently, with the instructor’s permission, by qualified students). It examines in more depth the nature of theology, and particular theological loci, through readings in major theologians. The Lord’s Prayer is added to the Nicene Creed as a second lens for theological study.

Goals

- to learn appropriate habits of theological thought while gaining a better understanding of key theological ideas, such as the Trinity, freedom and personhood, providence, justice, and atonement
- to develop familiarity with Anselm as a model and mentor
- to think through the Lord’s Prayer

Required Texts

- collected seminar readings: print posted materials, read, annotate, and bring to class

Assessment

A. Seminar Contributions (10 marks)

- regular attendance is required
- students must be prepared to pose and answer questions on the assigned readings
- participation in a conference on Cur Deus Homo that will be arranged in the latter part of October for mutual assistance in interpreting and questioning Anselm

B. Term Project (40 marks)

- topic: Anselm’s understanding of atonement
- details: c. 4000 words; due no later than 13 November (penalty one mark per diem)
- grading: adequacy of the account of Anselm (20); effective use of secondary sources (10); cogency of argument (5); evidence that instructions were followed (5)
- advice: begin early, for this is indeed a term project
• **instructions:**

1) consult catechisms, confessions, encyclopedias, *The Thiselton Companion to Christian Theology* (60–89) and *The T&T Clark Companion to Atonement*, to learn about doctrines of atonement; Gagliardi’s *Truth is a Synthesis* (309–28) is also useful

2) read David Hogg’s sixth chapter carefully and explore other posted secondary literature, including the articles by Sonderegger, Whidden, and Farrow; familiarize yourself with criticism of Anselm such as that found in Eleonore Stump’s *Atonement*

3) read the primary literature closely: *Cur Deus Homo*; then “On Human Redemption”

4) though this is primarily an analytical not a comparative paper, at least one other theologian of note should appear in it as a foil for your presentation of Anselm:
   - Aquinas, *ST* 3.22, 3.26, 3.46–58; cf. *Supplementum* 12–13 and the commentary on Romans (in relation to Anselm, see Farrow, *Theological Negotiations*, ch. 4)
   - Calvin, *Inst*. 2.12–17; cf. his Romans commentary
   - Karl Barth, *CD* §58 (in the context of §§57–61; cf. G. Bromiley's summaries)
   - Khaled Anatolios, *Deification through the Cross: An Eastern Christian Theology of Salvation*

5) Develop your own account of Anselm’s doctrine of atonement and make your own assessment of it against the backdrop of what you have found elsewhere. You must offer a systematic account of the structure and argument of *Cur Deus Homo*; that is your foremost task. When citing the work, indicate book and chapter first (1.1 or 2.1 etc.), then add the page number; likewise with other primary sources.

6) As you refine your paper, keep the following questions in mind: Have I done my homework in the texts? Am I being fair to my sources? Have I thought things through? What is my argument? Is the paper properly arranged, edited, and annotated?

C. **First Quiz** (15 marks)

- **13 October**, based on lectures and readings to date
- short-answer questions (30 min.)

D. **Second Quiz** (15 marks)

- **18 November**, based on further readings
- as above

E. **Final Essay** (20 marks)

- **25–27 November**
- 48 hour take-home assignment
Seminar & Reading Schedule

1. Theology among the sciences (and Anselm among the theologians)  
   Davies & Evans

2. Theology and the God of Israel  
   Wright

3. That theology is not mythology  
   Heron

4. That theology is not anthropology  
   Johnson

5. That theology is both bound and free  
   Barth

6. The secret of theology  
   Anselm

7. Pater noster qui es in caelis: knowing the Father  
   Barth

8. sanctificetur nomen tuum: honouring the Name  
   Anselm

9. The possibility of worship  
   Torrance

10. Immanent and economic Trinity  
    Rahner

11. Analogical reasoning  
    Emery

12. Divine and human 'persons'  
    Emery

13. Doing justice to freedom  
    Anselm

14. What do you have that you did not receive?  
    Anselm

15. The great refusal  
    Anselm

16. The ultimate providence  
    Farrow

17. Adveniat regnum tuum: desiring the kingdom  
    Pannenberg

18. fiat voluntas tua: willing the kingdom  
    Balthasar

19. sicut in caelo, et in terra: announcing the kingdom  
    Farrow

20. Panen nostrum cotidianum da nobis: trusting providence  
    Catherine

21. Soul-care  
    Catherine

22. et dimitte ... sicut et nos dimittimus: cooperating with providence  
    Gagliardi

23. et ne nos inducas in tentationem: staying the course  
    Anselm

24. sed libera nos a male: escaping the evil one  
    Farrow/Feingold

25. Christ and antichrist  
    Farrow

26. Quia tuum est regnum et potestas et gloria: theology in the fear of God  
    Farrow
Weekly Reading Assignments

1. Anselm: *The Major Works*, vii-xxv
3. A. Heron, ‘*Homoousion* with the Father’ (Torrance, *The Incarnation*) 58–87
4. E. Johnson, ‘Redeeming the Name of Christ’ (LaCugna, *Freeing Theology*) 115–137
5. K. Barth, *Dogmatics in Outline*, 9–14
6. Anselm, *Proslogion*, MW 82–104
22. M. Gagliardi, *Truth is a Synthesis*, 351–67 [QUIZ 2]
23. Anselm, *De concordia*, MW 452–474
Collected Readings


The Lord’s Prayer in Greek and Latin

- If you don’t know the Lord’s Prayer in English, you’re probably not ready for this course, though you won’t require Greek or Latin to take it.

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς·
ἀγιασθῆτω τὸ ὄνομά σου·
ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου·
γενηθῆτω τὸ θέλημά σου,
ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς·
tὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον·
καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὁφειλήματα ἡμῶν,
ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίμεν τοῖς ὁφειλέταις ἡμῶν·
καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν,
ἄλλα ῥύσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.
ὅτι σοῦ ἔστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας· ἀμήν.

Pater noster, qui es in cœlis;
sanctificatur nomen tuum:
Adveniat regnum tuum;
fiat voluntas tua,
sicut in cœlo, et in terra.
Panem nostrum cotidianum da nobis hodie:
Et dimitte nobis debita nostra,
sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris:
et ne nos inducas in tentationem:
sed libera nos a malo.

- here is a rather pedantic, but not unhelpful, introduction to the Latin version:
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZRHUGMnty4
- and here is a more immediately edifying sung version in English:
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYYJCV2_G4

Additional information

- Notes will be taken by hand; no electronic devices may be used in the classroom except in cases of disability.
- Consultation is available after class or by appointment in Birks 208.
- The instructor is fully committed to academic freedom. No one is required to adopt views, claims, or linguistic forms with which they disagree. All are bound by the obligations of the syllabus and by traditional standards of civility.
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