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THEOLOGY OF
HISTORY
Larry Wood, Professor
(Monday 12:25 – 2:15 PM)
M306

PURPOSE:

- To examine the concept of meaning in history;
- To examine the nature of critical history;
- To examine “the rise of the modern historical consciousness”;
- To examine the problem of the relation between faith and history;
- To examine the philosophical-theological presuppositions that influence historical judgments;
- To examine selected writings of philosophers/theologians who seek to relate faith and history;
- To examine the reasonableness of the apostolic kerygma and its “scandal of particularity.”

COURSE EXPECTATIONS:

- Each student will contract to read the assignments prior to class sessions;
- Each student will be prepared to answer and discuss issues that will be identified prior to each class session;
- Each student will write a position paper on the problem of faith and history. This paper should be developed from the assigned readings and class discussions, and it should be in the format of a research paper (approximately 10-15 pages in length);
- Class attendance, completing reading assignments, and the final paper will be the basis of one’s grade.

REQUIRED READINGS:

- Oscar Cullmann, *Salvation in History* (Xerox portions).
- Hegel, *Reason in History*.
- Kierkegaard, *Philosophical Fragments*
- Kierkegaard, *A Concluding Unscientific Postscript*.
- Pannenberg, “Redemptive Event and History” (Xerox)
- Pannenberg, “Faith and Insight” (Xerox)

DAILY SCHEDULE

Feb. 15 - Introductory Lecture

Hegel, *Reason in History*, Chapter I

Feb. 22 - Hegel, Chapter II, III

March 1 - Hegel, Chapter IV

March 8, 15 – SK, *Philosophical Fragments*

March 22, 29, April 12 – SK, *A Concluding Unscientific Postscript* (selected portions)

April 19, 26 – Pannenberg, “Redemptive Event and History” (Xerox)

May 3 – Cullmann, *Salvation in History* (Xerox portions)

May 10 – Pannenberg, “Insight and Faith” (Xerox)