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## PH 610 Systematic Apologetics

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**PH 610**  
**SYSTEMATIC APOLOGETICS**  
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**OBJECTIVES**

Students completing this course will

1. gain a fuller understanding of why Christian orthodoxy is the most amazing, beautiful and exciting message ever to hit this planet:
2. gain a stronger sense of why this amazing message is intellectually satisfying; and
3. gain skill and confidence in articulating and defending the truth claims of this message.

**REQUIREMENTS**

1. Since this is primarily a seminar course, it is required of all students to read assignments before class and come prepared to make significant contributions to the discussion.  
“AS IRON SHARPENS IRON, SO ONE MAN SHAPENS ANOTHER” (Proverbs 27:17).
2. A twenty page paper on “Why I Believe the Christian Faith” will be due between the last day of regular class and the following Monday. Before writing the paper, you must interview at least five different people who do not believe as to why they do not accept Christianity.

**TEXTS**

1. James Sire, The Universe Next Door.
2. Thomas V. Morris, Making Sense Of It All.
3. Blaise Pascal, Pensees.
4. G.K. Chesterton, Orthodoxy.
5. Burson and Walls, C.S. Lewis and Francis Schaeffer.
6. Reading Packet

## DAILY ASSIGNMENTS

<b>September 4</b>	Introduction	
<b>6</b>	<u>The Universe Next Door</u>	9-51
<b>11</b>		53-93
<b>13</b>		95-135
<b>18</b>		137-179
<b>20</b>		173-200
<b>25</b>	Fish, Neuhaus, Jensen: Reading Packet	
<b>27</b>	<u>Making Sense Of It All Pensees</u>	176, 427-429 (begin 427 on p. 155, last paragraph), 434, 198, 68, 165-6, 414, 133-4, 136-9, 70, 478, 620
<b>October 2</b>	<u>Making Sense Of It All Pensees</u>	47-83; 21, 28, 44-5, 48, 131 (just pp.62-64), 520-1, 651, 660, 199, 406
<b>4</b>	<u>Making Sense Of It All Pensees</u>	85-108; 429, 149, 225, 228, 232, 234, 237, 239, 242, 244, 378, 427 (first two paragraphs), 393-4, 44-9, 471-2, 739, 781, pp. 358-9 (nos, 13-14)
<b>9</b>	<u>Making Sense Of It All Pensees</u>	109-127; 387, 418 (key), 419, 98-9, 577, 692, 293, 326, 535, 5398, 630, 814, 816, 820-1, 692, 917
<b>11</b>	<u>Making Sense Of It All Pensees</u>	129-144; 16, 42, 47, 68, 112-8, 106, 121-2, 130, pp.65-6, p 77, 198-202, 205, 208, 210, 212, 352, 354, 397-405, 430, 442, 449 (pp. 167-170), 468, 470-1, 620, 681, 695, 756, 759, 358, 685, 687
<b>16</b>	<u>Making Sense Of It All Pensees</u>	145-182; (Perpetuity) 280-1, 284, 338, 433, 447, 451; (Anthropology) 215, 242, p. 168 (last paragraph), 477, 595, 613; (Bible) 316, 452, 481, 812, 822; (Prophecy) 326, 332, 335; (Jews) 502, 592-3

18	<u>Making Sense Of It All</u> <u>Pensees</u>  <u>Making Sense Of It All</u> <u>Pensees</u>	183-194; 423-4, 975, 489 (p. 196, 3 <sup>rd</sup> par. from bottom to first par. on p.197), 110, 155, 139 (last line), 739, 781, 298, 835, 308, p. 329, note 65. 195 212; 289, 362, 797, 801, 46, 197, 351, 357, 368, 372-4, 378, <u>396</u> , <u>421</u> , 413, 426, 450, 460, 475, 564, 597, 617-8, 656, 668, 673, 688, 792, 795-6, 802, 805-6, 931, 978
23	Davis: Reading Packet	VI-42
25		43-68
30		69-84; 169-190
<b>November 1</b>	<u>Orthodoxy</u>	1-45
6		46-80
8		81-123
13		124-160
15	<u>C.S. Lewis and</u> <u>Francis Schaeffer</u>	10-43; 113-138
<b>November 19-23</b>	<b>READING WEEK</b>	<b>Remember, you have a paper due VERY soon</b>
26		140-183
29		183-234
<b>December 4</b>		234-272
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