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MW 775 830 Christian Witness and Other Faiths

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I. **COURSE DESCRIPTION:** In a world becoming more and more religiously plural, all Christians are faced with the challenge of identifying and articulating an appropriate theological/missiological response to those of other religious traditions. This course looks at key issues in the encounter between Christianity and other religions and raises the questions students need to answer in developing a theological/missiological approach to religious pluralism. Students write a concluding paper outlining their approach to an aspect of pluralism.

II. **READINGS**

Wesley Pluralism Packet (on reserve in library—students may copy)


III. **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Class attendance and participation in discussion of assigned texts.
2. Write a response paper on each of the assigned readings. Form provided. Due at class discussion of text.
3. Complete assigned exercises.
IV. SCHEDULE

Sept. 4, 6 - Religious Pluralism

Sept. 11, 13 - Context - Plantinga, Part I

Sept. 18, 20 - Scripture - Rommen/Netland, pp. 1-140

Sept. 25, 27 - Scripture - Rommen/Netland, pp. 143-247

Oct. 2, 4 - Theology - Ariarajah

Oct. 9, 11 - Theology - Wesley Pluralism Packet

Oct. 16, 18 - Practices - Plantinga, Part II

Oct. 23, 25 - Practices - Plantinga, Part III

Oct. 30, Nov. 1 - Practices - Plantinga, Part IV

Nov. 6, 8 - Practices - Plantinga, Part V

Nov. 13 - Practices

Nov. 15, 20, 22 - NO CLASS

Nov. 27, 29 - How to approach people of other religions

Dec. 4, 6 - How to approach people of other religions

Wesley Pluralism Packet
LETTERS
“Letter to John Burton” October 10, 1735

SERMONS
Sermon 61: “The Mystery of Iniquity” (2 Thessalonians 2:7) March 7, 1783
Sermon 69-70: “The Imperfections of Human Knowledge: The Case of Reason Impartially Considered” (1 Corinthians 13:9) March 5, 1784; (1 Corinthians 14:20) July 6, 1781
Sermon 91: “On Charity” (1 Corinthians 13:1-3) October 15, 1784
Sermon 106: “On Faith” (Hebrews 11:6) April 9, 1788
Sermon 119: “Walking by Sight and Walking by Faith” (2 Corinthians 5:7) December 30, 1788
Sermon 122: “Causes of the Inefficacy of Christianity” (Jeremiah 8:22) July 2, 1789
Sermon 130: “On Living Without God” (Ephesians 2:12) July 6, 1790

COMMENTARY
John Sanders, No Other Name: An Investigation into the Destiny of the Unevangelized (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 1992), 249-251.
What new insights have you gained from reading this material?

What are the missiological applications of these insights?

What are some issues, concerns, etc., that have been raised that you would like to discuss in our class?