1M504 CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGIES OF MISSION

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COURSE DESIGN

Reformed Theological Seminary

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

Knowledge and understanding of the theology of mission exposed by Evangelicals (Lausanne, AD 2000, Pentecostal, and Reformed), Ecumenicals (WMC and WCC), Liberation Movements (Latin America and Asia, Feminist theology, and Black theology), Roman Catholics, and Orthodox Christians.

To develop skills that will assist you to appraise and assess the themes (topics), issues (controversies), and assumptions raised by those theologies.

To develop attitudes of commitment to a biblical missiology which should be rooted in the Scriptures, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and useful to equip God’s people in the truth and in bringing the lost back into fellowship with God the Father, through Jesus Christ, for God’s glory.

FORMAT

Seminar presentations and discussions.

Individual meetings with the professor on Mondays.

SUGGESTIONS FOR OUTLINING THE SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

1. What should be known regarding the history of this school of theology, group, or movement?
   a. When?
   b. Where?
   c. Why?
   d. How?

2. Who are the most known leaders of this school of theology, group, or movement?
   a. Who are/were their most known theologians?
   b. Who are/were their most known historians?
   c. Who are/were their most known apologists/strategists?

3. What is the theological methodology of this school of theology, group, or movement?
   a. What is the starting point (epistemology) of their theology?
b. How do they come to their doctrinal statements or tenets (methodology)?

4. What are the main tenets (propositions, teachings, theses, doctrines) of this school of theology, group, or movement?
   a. Concerning the Scriptures
   b. Concerning the trinity.
   c. Concerning creation
   d. Concerning socio/economic/political tensions such as man/woman, rich/poor, black/white, american/indian, etc.
   e. Concerning sin
   f. Concerning redemption
   g. Concerning mission

5. What have been the main contributions of this school of theology, group, or movement in the world?

6. What is your assessment of this school of theology, group, or movement?

TOPICS

Introduction

Ecumenical Theologies of Mission

   World Missionary Conference (1910)
   World Council of Church (1948)

Evangelical Theologies of Mission

   Lausanne Theology of Mission
   A.D. 2000 and Beyond Theology of Mission
   Pentecostal Theology of Mission

Liberation Theologies of Mission

   Liberation Theology (South America)
   Black Theology (USA and Africa)
   Feminist Theology

Roman Catholic Theology of Mission

Towards a Reformed Theology of “Mission”

Eastern Orthodox Theology of Mission
COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance—"Classroom attendance is for the glory of God and preparation for the gospel ministry. Students therefore are expected to attend class sessions. No student should absent himself from classes in order to fulfill requirements or responsibilities of other classes. Those with absences may be penalized at the discretion of the professor" (RTS Catalogue).

   SIX (6) ABSENCES:        GRADE F
   FOUR (4) ABSENCES:       GRADE C+
   THREE (3) ABSENCES:      GRADE B-

The reading of at least 80 pages on each theology to be discussed during the semester. Prior to the lectures and discussions, each student is expected to read about the subject to be discussed.

Participation in the classroom activities.

A seminar (or lecture) presentation on a topic chosen by the student. The professor will be available to assist each student with bibliography and format of their seminar presentation.

A final sentence outline or full paper with the quotes of your seminar presentation. For a sentence outline example see John M. Frame’s syllabus “Doctrine of the Christian Life” (Westminster Theological Seminary).

CONTRIBUTION TO MISSIONS STUDIES

A contribution towards a handbook on Contemporary Theologies of Mission.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Dictionaries


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A.D. 2000 Theology of Mission
http://www.ad2000.org/

Pentecostal Theology of Mission
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http://www.sps-usa.org/indices/jepta.html
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"Reformed Theology of Mission"
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World Council of Churches
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Feminist Theology of Mission

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Roman Catholic Theology of Mission

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http://www.missionsocieties.ca/

Eastern Orthodox Theology of Mission

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