Christian leaders must be prepared to assist people in understanding how God may be at work in the culture wars of our time. **The purpose of this course is to acquaint students with the major ideas and forces that cause the rise and fall of civilizations.** We shall be seeking to understand some of the ways God exercises His sovereignty among the nations. (Divine Action) The class will meet from 6 to 9 pm on Tuesday’s. Required texts will be Sorokin’s *Crisis of Our Age* (COA), Hunter’s *Culture Wars* (CW) and *The Clash of Civilizations* (COC) by S.P. Huntington. A midterm exam will count for about 35% of one’s semester grade with the final exam weighing about 55% and participation in class discussions counting for about 10%. David Rogers and Dr. MacKenzie will be available to answer questions anytime during the semester.

**SYLLABUS:**

A. **Forces that Have Shaped Past and Present Cultures**
   
   February 06:--Read COA, chs. 1-3
   “ 13:--Read COA, chs. 4-6
   “ 20:--Read COA, chs. 7-9
   “ 27:--Discussion

B. **America’s Present Culture Wars**
   
   March 06:--Read CW, chs.1-3
   “ 13:--Read CW, chs.4-6
   “ 20:--Read CW, chs.7-12 and Epilogue

C. **The Clash of Global Cultures Today**
   
   April 3:--Read COC, chs.1-2
   “ 10:--Read COC, chs.4-5
   “ 17:--Read COC, chs.7-8
   “ 24:--Read COC, chs.9-10

D. **Whither the Cultures of Tomorrow**
   
   May 01:--Read COC, ch.11
   “ 08:--Read COC, ch.12
   “ 15:-- Conclusions