

THE CLASH OF CULTURES
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3 credit hours
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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. Another way to put it-- We shall study Divine Action in the rise and fall of cultures. The class will meet from 6 to 9 pm on Tuesday's. Required texts will be Sorokin's Crisis of Our Age OR Social and Cultural Dynamics (COA or SCD), Hunter's Culture Wars (CW) and The Clash of Civilizations (COC) by S.P. Huntington. A midterm exam will count for about 35% of a semester's grade with the final exam weighing about 55% and contributions 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 05:--Read COA, chs. 1-3 or SCD, Intro,, chs. 1-4
“ 12:--Read COA, chs. 4-6 or SCD. chs.5-6, 9-12
“ 19:--Read COA, IV: V or SCD, chs.24,26,27
“ 26-- Read COA, VII; IX, or SCD, chs. 41 -42

B. America's Present Culture Wars

March 05:--Read CW, chs.1-3
“ 12:--Read CW, chs.4-6
19 --Read CW, chs.7-12 and Epilogue

C. The Clash of Global Cultures Today

April 01:--Read COC, chs. 1-2
“ 08--Read COC, chs. 4-5
“ 15-- Read COC, chs. 7-8
“ 22-- Read COC, chs 9-10
29--Read COC, chs 11-1

D. Whither the Cultures of Tomorrow

May: 13:--Read COC, ch.12. SCD ch.42