

ICS Calendar Title: The Nature (and Grace) of Modern Theology
ICS Course Code: ICS 2832 S09
Instructor: Dr. Nik Ansell
Term and Year: Thursdays, 9:30-12:30, Spring 2009
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Course Description

This course will explore the work of seminal Protestant theologians associated with the birth and early (re-)shaping of "modern" theology. The famous debate between Barth and Brunner on the nature-grace relationship, which we shall situate within our reading of Schleiermacher and Bultmann, will stimulate our own contemporary (post-secular?) reflections on the "covenantal" nature of existence.

Course Learning Goals

- a. To reflect on the nature of theology and the nature of modernity.
- b. To gain insight into the relationship between contemporary theology and modern theology.
- c. To explore foundational issues and concepts in systematic theology (such as the God-creation relationship and the nature of kerygma, myth, revelation, religion, freedom and grace)

Course Requirements

- a. Total reading: 1250 pages total, including research for paper, of which approximately 60-70 pages per week is required to prepare for class.
- b. In-seminar leadership: Written overview of two required readings, identifying key issues and questions, to aid class discussion; oral contribution to class.
- c. Description of course papers: One paper of 3000-5000 (Master's students) or 5000-7000 words (Ph.D. students), due by relevant ICS/TST deadline.
- d. Description and weighting of elements to be evaluated:
Paper: 60%
Class presentations: 20%
Oral contributions: 20%

Required Readings

- Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics*, trans. G.W.Bromiley and T.F.Torrance (Edinburgh: T and T Clark, 1956-77), IV/3 , 113-154 [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BT75 .B282]
———, *The Humanity of God*, trans. John Newton Thomas and Thomas Wieser (Atlanta, GA: John Knox Press, 1960) (Selections) [Knox Library: BT28 .B273]
———, *Protestant Theology in the Nineteenth Century: Its Background and History*, trans. Brian Cozens, John Bowden et al (London: SCM, 1972) (Selections) [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BT30 .G3 B13 1972a]
———, *The Theology of Schleiermacher: Lectures at Göttingen, Winter Semester of 1923/24*, ed. Dietrich Ritschl, trans. Geoffrey W. Bromiley (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1982) (Selections) [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BX4827 .S3 B313]
Karl Barth and Emil Brunner, *Natural Theology*, trans. Peter Fraenkel (London: Geoffrey Bles, The Centenary Press, 1948) [Trinity Library: BX 4827 .B3B7313 1946]
Emil Brunner, *The Divine Imperative: A Study in Christian Ethics*, trans. Olive Wyon (London: Lutterworth Press, 1937) (Selections) [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BJ1253 .B7313]
———, *The Philosophy of Religion From the Standpoint of Protestant Theology*, trans. B.L.Woolf and A.J.D.Farrer (Cambridge: J. Clarke, 1958) (Selections) [Emmanuel Library: BL51 .B786]
Rudolf Bultmann et al, *Kerygma and Myth: A Theological Debate*, ed. Hans Werner Bartsch, trans. Reginald H. Fuller (New York: Harper and Row, 1961) (Selections) [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BS2378 .K4713 1966]
———, *Kerygma and Myth: A Theological Debate, Volume II*, ed. Hans Werner Bartsch, trans. Reginald H. Fuller (London: SPCK, 1962) (Selections) [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BS2378 .K4713 1966]
Keith Clements, ed., *Friedrich Schleiermacher: Pioneer of Modern Theology* (London: Collins, 1987) (Selections) [Robarts Library: BX4827 .S3 C54 1987]
Clifford Green, ed., *Karl Barth: Theologian of Freedom* (London: Collins, 1989) (Selections) [Robarts Library: BX4827 .B3 G68 1989]
Roger A. Johnson, ed., *Rudolf Bultmann: Interpreting Faith for the Modern Era* (London: Collins, 1987) (Selections) [Robarts Library: BX4827 .B78 B75 1987]

James H. Olthuis, "Must the Church Become Secular?" in John A. Olthuis *et al.*, *Out of Concern for the Church: Five Essays* (Toronto: Wedge, 1970), 107-125 [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BV625 .O9]
Friedrich Schleiermacher, *On Religion: Speeches to its Cultured Despisers*, trans. and ed., Richard Crouter (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988). (Selections) [Robarts Library; BL 48 .S333 1988]
_____, *On Religion: Speeches to its Cultured Despisers*, trans. John Oman with introduction by Rudolf Otto (New York: Harper and Row, 1958) (Selections) [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BL48 .S33]
_____, *The Christian Faith*, ed. H.R.Macintosh and J.S.Stewart (Edinburgh: T and T Clark, 1928) (Selections) [Emmanuel Library: BT 75 .S5C5 1960]

Recommended Readings

Hendrikus Berkhof, *Two Hundred Years of Theology: Report of a Personal Journey*, trans. John Vriend (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989) [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BT28 .B44313 1989]
G.C.Berkouwer, *The Triumph of Grace in the theology of Karl Barth*, trans. Harry R.Boer (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1956) [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BX4827 .B3 B4713]
Trevor Hart, *Regarding Karl Barth* (Carlisle: Paternoster, 1999), chap. 7 ("A Capacity For Ambiguity: The Barth-Brunner Debate Revisited") [Robarts Library: BX4827 .B3 H295 1999]
Charles W. Kegley, ed. *The Theology of Emil Brunner* (New York: Macmillan, 1962) [Knox Library: BX4827 .B67 K4]
_____. *The Theology of Rudolf Bultmann* (London: SCM, 1966) [Robarts Library: BX4827 .B78 K4 1966]
John Macquarrie, *The Scope of Demythologizing: Bultmann and his Critics* (New York: Harper and Row, 1960) [Robarts Library: BS2378 .M26]
John Webster, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Karl Barth* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000) [Robarts Library: BX4827 .B3 C26 2000]