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**Keepers of the Springs: The Devotional Classics and the Heritage of Christian Spirituality**

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

## **SEMINAR DESCRIPTION**

This seminar is a theological and historical examination of Christian spirituality through the lens of the classics of Christian devotion. Attention is given to the dynamics of the Christian life and the disciplines that nurture it. The seminar explores the relationship of the classics to current discussions on the method and content of spiritual theology.

## **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Students successfully completing the seminar will demonstrate:

- General knowledge of the history of Christian devotion and of selected devotional classics;
- Understanding of central insights and emphases of the devotional classics and their impact on the heritage of Christian spirituality;
- Knowledge of the spiritual disciplines of Christian faith and their contemporary applications;
- Timely completion of course assignments and faithful participation in seminar discussions;
- Sound research techniques and writing skills;
- Genuine desire to grow spiritually, to go deeper with God, to walk more faithfully in the Way.

## TEXTBOOKS

Students should procure (purchase or borrow) the following books. These books are a good core for your library on Christian spirituality:

Diogenes Allen, *Spiritual Theology: The Theology of Yesterday for Spiritual Help Today*, (Cambridge MA: Cowley, 1997).

H. Berkhof, *Christ and the Powers*, trans. John Howard Yoder (Scottsdale, PA: Herald, 1962). **PDF of the text are provided without charge to students.**

Simon Chan, *Spiritual Theology: A Systematic Study of the Christian Life* (Downer's Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1998).

Richard J. Foster, *Streams of Living Water: Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith* (New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers, 1998).

Timothy George and Alister McGrath, eds. *For All The Saints: Evangelical Theology and Christian Spirituality* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2003).

E. Glenn Hinson, *Seekers After Mature Faith* (Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1968). **PDF of the text are provided without charge to students.**

Glen G. Scorgie, gen. ed. *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011). Our use will be limited, but it is a good resource to own. We have copies in our library, however, if you need to make copies of pertinent chapters rather than buy the text.

Additional readings are provided in *Foundations*, a volume prepared by Dr. Dan Holcomb, and other pdf files, **all provided without charge to students.**

## SEMINAR TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Devotion and worship are wellsprings of Christian experience, the inspirational and motivational forces of pilgrimage and ministry. The history of Christian devotion is rich and diverse. It encompasses a wide variety of communions and perspectives and is preserved in an extensive body of literature. **Sessions One through Three** of the seminar provide an overview of the heritage of Christian mystical and devotional writings, examining examples of spiritual classics. **Sessions Four and Five** address the broader historic traditions or streams of spirituality—identified by Richard Foster (*Streams of Living Water*) as Contemplative, Holiness, Charismatic, Social Justice, Evangelical, and Incarnational—as these are mirrored and enriched by representative classics. **Sessions Six and Seven** examine works that seek to identify spiritual theology and spiritual disciplines, and provide wise counsel for their practice. To reinforce the urgency of the habitual practice of the spiritual disciplines, **Session Eight** explores the dark side of human experience and the formidable countervailing forces (sin, principalities and powers, and so forth) that strongly influence individuals and human cultures. In **Sessions Nine through Fourteen** seminar members explore the relationship of the classics to current discussions on theological method, the impact of cultural trends, and the construction of spiritual theology, described by William Ames as “the doctrine of living unto God,” and so forth. During these sessions, students present their research papers and lead discussions.

## SEMINAR REQUIREMENTS

### 1) Readings, Participation, and Responses

Because of the rich and diverse nature of the topics addressed in this seminar, students must read extensively. All reading assignments are indicated in the seminar schedule and should be completed on the day specific works are due. Students will submit a reading report on **December 6** stating the percent read on time and percent completed. Participation is important and includes leading out in discussions on reading assignments and leading discussions on a methodological research papers.

### 2) Spiritual Classic Outline and Discussion

Each student will prepare a 2-3 page, single-spaced outline and lead discussion on a primary source from the spiritual classics (see page 6 of the syllabus for list of texts). The outline and discussion (25 minutes) should include the following:

- 1) Biographical sketch of the author
- 2) Historical context of the work
- 3) Author's purpose/arguments and is the author succeed
- 4) Basic insights or teachings/major contributions
- 5) Quotable passages
- 6) Relevancy of the book for the seminar and for the church
- 7) Concluding evaluation
- 8) General Questions to Consider:
  - a. How do they describe the Christian Life—for whom?
  - b. What are the challenges to communion with Christ or the Christian life?
  - c. What is the nature of life in the Spirit?
  - d. What is the nature of a mature Christian life?
  - e. How would they define Godliness?
  - f. What is the goal of the Christian life?

**Students must distribute hardcopies of outlines to each seminar member in class on the day presented.**

### 3) Cameo Reviews

Each student will prepare and present to the seminar three brief (20 minutes) oral reviews accompanied by a 1-2 page outline. The review should include both summary and critique.

**Students must distribute hardcopies of outlines to each seminar member in class on the day presented.**

#### **Students will present cameo reviews in the following sessions:**

- Cameo Review One: Sessions 4 & 5
- Cameo Review Two: Sessions 6 & 7
- Cameo Review Three: Session 8

**Note:** A good source and comprehensive supplement for seminar discussions and cameo reviews is Frank N. Magill and Ian P. McGreal eds., *Christian Spirituality: The Essential Guide to the Most Influential Spiritual Writings of the Christian Tradition*. This excellent

reference work contains summaries and reviews of 120 classic works by Christian authors.

4) **Methodological Research Paper**

Each student will write and present a methodological research paper. The first half of the methodological research paper should integrate a critical reading and review of a significant work on theological, philosophical, or cultural context; spiritual formation; spiritual disciplines; or the Christian devotional life (see book list below) with other resources on biblical spirituality, systematic theology, and theological method. The second half of the paper should be constructive, defending and describing systematically a spiritual theology, the nature of a Christian devotional life, spiritual maturation, and/or how one might experience God.

**Choose one** of the following books to review critically and integrate into and serve as a part of your methodological research paper (for example, as a critical framework or foil):

1. John Baillie, *The Sense of the Presence of God*
2. William Barrett, *Death of the Soul: From Descartes to the Computer*
3. Karl Barth, *Evangelical Theology: An Introduction*
4. Herman Bavinck, *Christian Worldview*
5. Klaus Bockmuehl, *The Unreal God of Modern Theology: Bultmann, Barth, and the Theology of Atheism: A Call to Recovering the Truth of God's Reality*
6. Steven Chase, *The Tree of Life: Models of Christian Prayer*
7. Andrew Louth, *Discerning the Mystery: An Essay on the Nature of Theology*
8. Rudolf Otto, *The Idea of the Holy: An Inquiry into the Non-Rational Factor in the Idea of the Divine and Its Relation to the Rational*
9. James R. Peters, *The Logic of the Heart: Augustine, Pascal, and the Rationality of Faith*
10. Eugene H. Peterson, *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places: A Conversation in Spiritual Theology*
11. William C. Placher, *The Domestication of Transcendence: How Modern Thinking about God Went Wrong*
12. Frank Stagg, *Polarities of Human Existence in Biblical Perspective*
13. Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God*

**General Research Paper Guidelines**

- The research paper should be 20-25 pages, double-spaced—**no more; no less**. Use Times New Roman, 12 point font for the body of text
- Official style and form guide: Turabian, *A Manual for Writers*, latest edition
- Use footnotes, not endnotes
- Staple the paper; do not put it in a folder/binder
- Include a title page and a table of contents with leader dots aligned (good practice)
- You may use first person (I or we) within strict limits. Arguments, however, should be presented in such a manner to eliminate the need for all but third person references
- Use correct grammar and spelling
- Use past tense and present tense consistently. Generally, use past tense to refer to historical events and persons, including writers of published materials. Use present tense to present arguments and interact with opinions and viewpoints
- Do not split infinitives
- Do not overuse indefinite pronouns (such as “it” or “there” without a clear antecedent or referent)
- Avoid “widows” and “orphans,” thought you ought to care for them.

## COURSE EVALUATION

The final grade will be calculated as follows:

Assignment	Value	A: 93-100 B: 85-92 F: 84 or below
Readings, Participation, and Response	10%	
Three Cameo Reviews (10% each)	30%	
Primary Source Outline and Discussion	20%	
Methodological Research Paper	40%	

## NOBTS STYLE GUIDE

A copy of the approved NOBTS Style Guide can be found in the course Blackboard shell, or can be located online at the Writing Center's page on the seminary website at: [https://www.nobts.edu/\\_resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf](https://www.nobts.edu/_resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf). The official style Guide is the current Turabian, but the NOBTS guide may be used alongside Turabian

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System [NOBTS.Blackboard.com](http://NOBTS.Blackboard.com).
3. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

## PLAGIARISM ON WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

## SEMINAR SCHEDULE

**SESSIONS ONE through THREE, (8/16; 8/23; 8/30):**  
Orientation, Fields of Investigation, and Primary Source Discussion

### A. INTRODUCTION

- a. Welcome and Semester Assignments
- b. Orientation and Fields of Investigation
  1. Asceticism
  2. Christian Spirituality (cf. Spirituality in general)
  3. Christian Experience
  4. Mysticism
  5. Spiritual Formation
  6. Spiritual Disciplines
  7. Spiritual Classics
  8. Spiritual Reading
  9. Spiritual Theology
  10. Systematic Theology (Historical)

### B. READING ASSIGNMENTS FOR ORIENTATION AND DISCUSSION

**(complete by session one)**

- a. E. Glenn Hinson, *Seekers After Mature Faith* (entire book)
- b. Glen G. Scorgie, *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, pp. 27-39, 179-184.
  - i. Scorgie, "Overview of Christian Spirituality"
  - ii. John H. Coe, "Approaches to the Study of Christian Spirituality"
  - iii. Evan B. Howard, "Mysticism"
- c. Daniel H. Holcomb, "The Classics of Christian Devotion: Wellsprings of Spiritual Revival," *Foundations*, pp. 32-43.
- d. James M. Houston, "A Guide to Devotional Reading," *Foundations*, pp. 44-68.

### C. PRIMARY CLASSIC SOURCES FOR REVIEW AND PRESENTATION

**(choose one to present)**

1. Augustine (354-430), *Confessions*
2. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153), *On the Love of God*
3. Aelred of Rievaulx (1110-1167), *Spiritual Friendship*
4. Gregory Palamas (1296-1359), *The Triads (for the Defense of the Holy Hesychasts)*
5. Julian of Norwich (1343-ca.1416), *Showings* (Long Text in Paulist Press edition)
6. Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471), *The Imitation of Christ*
7. Lorenzo Scupoli (1530-1610), *Spiritual Combat (1589)*
8. John of the Cross (1542-1591), *Dark Knight of the Soul*
9. Henry Scougal (1650-1678), *The Life of God in the Soul of Man*
10. Jean Pierre de Caussade (1675-1751), *Abandonment to Divine Providence*
11. Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758), *Religious Affections*
12. Hannah More (1745-1833): *Practical Piety*

**SESSION THREE & FOUR, (8/30; 9/6)**  
**STREAMS OF LIVING WATER: EXPLORING TRADITIONS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

- a. Biblical Roots of Christian Spirituality
- b. Comprehensiveness of Christian Spirituality
- c. Cultural and Historical Influences on Christian Spirituality
- d. Exegetical and Hermeneutical Influences on Christian Spirituality
- e. The witness of Holy Scripture and the Devotional Classics to *Imitatio* as the Central Paradigm of Christian Spirituality

**B. READING ASSIGNMENTS (complete by session three)**

- a. Richard J. Foster, *Streams of Living Water* (entire book)
- b. Timothy George and Alister McGrath, *For All the Saints: Evangelical Theology and Christian Spirituality* (entire book).
- c. Daniel Wallace and M. James Sawyer, eds. *Who's Afraid of the Holy Spirit: An Investigation Into the Ministry of the Holy Spirit Today* (**select chapters provided by professor**)
- d. From Glen G. Scorgie, gen. ed., *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, pp. 40-45, 46-51, 58-63.
  - i. Mark J. Boda, "Old Testament Foundations of Christian Spirituality,"
  - ii. Jeanine K. Brown, "New Testament Foundations of Christian Spirituality,"
  - iii. Dallas Willard, "Jesus"
- e. Eugene H. Peterson, "Focus, Precision, and Roots," in Daniel Holcomb, *Foundations*, pp. 37-21.

**C. CAMEO REVIEW ONE**

- a. Our primary task during this session is to examine books by Foster and George and McGrath, with the addition of chapters from Wallace and Sawyer, eds. *Who's Afraid of the Holy Spirit?* Students will present an oral "cameo review" of their assigned chapter(s) (25 minutes for each review) followed by seminar discussion. Prepare a brief outline (2-3 pages) of your review for distribution to seminar members. Time will be an issue, so we are trying to get a snapshot of these streams and think about how they might cohere into a comprehensive, robust spiritual theology and inform our understanding of life in the Spirit. (choose one of the options below)

1	<b>Foster, Chapter 1 – <i>Imitatio</i>: The Divine Paradigm</b>
2	<b>Foster, Chapter 2 – The Contemplative Tradition: Discovering the Prayer-Filled Life</b>
3	<b>Foster, Chapter 3 – The Holiness Tradition: Discovering the Virtuous Life</b>
4	<b>Foster, Chapter 4 – The Charismatic Tradition: Discovering the Spirit-Empowered Life</b>
5	<b>Foster, Chapter 5 – The Social Justice Tradition: Discovering the Compassionate Life</b>
6	<b>Foster, Chapter 6 – The Evangelical Tradition: Discovering the Word-Centered Life</b>
7	<b>Foster, Chapter 7 – The Incarnational Tradition: Discovering the Sacramental Life</b>

8	<p><b>Wallace and Sawyer, eds. <i>Who's Afraid of the Holy Spirit</i></b> (chapters provided by professor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wallace, <i>Introduction: Who's Afraid of the Holy Spirit: The Uneasy Conscience of a Non-Charismatic Evangelical</i></li> <li>• Packer, <i>The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in Discerning the Will of God</i></li> <li>• Eckman, <i>The Holy Spirit and Our Emotions</i></li> </ul>
9	<p><b>George and McGrath, Part I. Foundations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• McGrath, <i>Loving God with Heart and Mind</i></li> <li>• Houston, <i>Christian Spirituality</i></li> <li>• Willard, <i>Spiritual Formation in Christ Is for the Whole Church</i></li> </ul>
10	<p><b>George and McGrath, Part II. Sources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wright, <i>Humility and Prayer</i></li> <li>• Todd, <i>What Evangelicals Have to Do with Athens and Jerusalem</i></li> </ul> <p>From <b>Wallace and Sawyer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sawyer, <i>The Witness of the Holy Spirit in the Protestant Tradition</i></li> </ul>
11	<p><b>George and McGrath, Part III. Critique</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wood, <i>Outward Faith, Inward Piety</i></li> <li>• Bray, <i>Union and Communion</i></li> <li>• Talbot, <i>Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ</i></li> </ul>
12	<p><b>George and McGrath, Part IV. Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marva J. Dawn, <i>Practiced Theology—Lived Spirituality</i></li> <li>• Robbie Castleman, <i>The Evangelical Spirituality of Creation Care and the Kingdom of God</i></li> <li>• Robert Smith, Jr., <i>The Spiritual Wisdom of the African American Tradition</i></li> </ul>

**SESSIONS FIVE & SIX (9/13; 9/20)**  
**THEOLOGY AND DISCIPLINES OF THE DURABLE KINGDOM**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

- a. The Christian as Disciple
- b. Discipleship and the Spiritual Disciplines
- c. Grace and the Spiritual Disciples
- d. Place of Spiritual Theology

**B. READING ASSIGNMENTS (complete by session four)**

- a. Simon Chan, *Spiritual Theology: A Systematic Study of the Christian Life*
- b. Diogenes Allen, *Spiritual Theology: The Theology of Yesterday for Spiritual Help Today*
- c. Wallace A.C. Williams, "C.S. Lewis: Spiritual Disciplines for Mere Christians," in Timothy George and Alister McGrath, eds., *For All the Saints: Evangelical Theology and Christian Spirituality*, pp. 177-194.

**C. THE PRACTICE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE**

- a. Our primary task in this session is to think more specifically about Spiritual Theology—what is a Spiritual Theology and what ought it to produce. Additionally, how does Christian spirituality reflect the reality of who we are and what we do and how does what we do reflects the reality of who we are.

**D. CAMEO REVIEW TWO**

- a. Students will present an oral "cameo review" of their assigned chapter/pages followed by seminar discussion. (choose one of the 12 options below)

<b>1</b>	<b>Allen</b> , pp. 1-49
<b>2</b>	<b>Allen</b> , pp. 50-108
<b>3</b>	<b>Allen</b> , pp. 109-161
<b>4</b>	<b>Chan—Chapter 1</b> , Christian Spiritual Theology: Its Nature & Criteria
<b>5</b>	<b>Chan—Chapter 2</b> , The Christian Doctrine of God as the Foundation of Christian Spirituality
<b>6</b>	<b>Chan—Chapter 6</b> , The Theology & Life of Prayer
<b>7</b>	<b>Chan—Chapter 7</b> , Spiritual Exercises Focusing on God & Self
<b>8</b>	<b>Chan—Chapter 8</b> , Spiritual Exercises Focusing on the Word
<b>9</b>	<b>Chan—Chapter 9</b> , Spiritual Exercises Focusing on the World
<b>10</b>	<b>Chan—Chapter 10</b> , The Rule of Life
<b>11</b>	<b>Chan—Chapter 11</b> , The Discernment of Spirits
<b>12</b>	<b>Chan—Chapter 12</b> , The Act of Spiritual Direction

## E. FURTHER DISCUSSION

- a. Dallas Willard, "Spiritual Formation in Christ Is for the Whole Life and the Whole Person," in Timothy George and Alister McGrath, eds., *For All the Saints: Evangelical Theology and Christian Spirituality* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2003), pp. 39-53).
- b. Wallace A.C. Williams, "C.S. Lewis: Spiritual Disciplines for Mere Christians," in Timothy George and Alister McGrath, eds., *For All the Saints: Evangelical Theology and Christian Spirituality* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2003), pp. 177-194).

## F. CONCLUSION

Qualities of the Spiritually Disciplined Life = Accountability, Faithfulness, Perseverance, Resourcefulness, Resiliency, Attentiveness, Awareness, Discernment, Vigilance

The kingdom of the heavens is similar to a bit of yeast which a woman took and hid in half a bushel of dough. After a while all the dough was pervaded by it.

### JESUS OF NAZARETH

You must have often wondered why the enemy [God] does not make more use of his power to sensibly present to human souls in any degree he chooses and at any moment. But you now see that the irresistible and indisputable are the two weapons which the very nature of his scheme forbids him to use. Merely to over-ride a human will (as his felt presence in any but the faintest and most mitigated degree would certainly do) would be for him useless. He cannot ravish. He can only woo. For his ignoble idea is to eat the cake and have it; the creatures are to be one with him, but yet themselves; merely to cancel them, or assimilate them, will not serve.... Sooner or later he withdraws, if not in fact, at least from their conscious experience, all supports and incentives. He leaves the creature to stand up on its own legs—to carry out from the will alone duties which have lost all relish.... He cannot "tempt" to virtue as we do to vice. He wants them to learn to walk and must therefore take away his hand.... Our cause is never more in danger than when a human, no longer desiring, but still intending, to do our enemy's will, looks round upon a universe from which every trace of him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys.

UNCLE SCREWTAPE  
C. S. LEWIS, *THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS*

**SESSION EIGHT (10/11)**  
**ENCOUNTERING THE CULTURE OF DARKNESS: SIN, EVIL, AND**  
**PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

- a. The Kingdom of God and Its Adversaries
- b. The Agenda of the Adversaries: Domination of the Created Order
- c. The Consequences of the Domination Agenda: The Vandalizing of God's Shalom

**B. READING ASSIGNMENTS (complete by session eight)**

- a. H. Berkhof, *Christ and the Powers*, trans. John Howard Yoder (Scottsdale, PA: Herald, 1962).
  - b. James Davison Hunter, *To Change the World: The Irony, Tragedy, and Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World*, pp. 176-193.
  - c. Dallas Willard. *Renovation of the Heart: Putting on the Character of Christ*, pp. 45-61.
  - d. Marva Dawn and Eugene Peterson, *The Unnecessary Pastor: Rediscovering the Call*, pp. 79-119.
- (Copies of the Berkhof and required readings from Hunter, Willard, and Dawn and Peterson will be provided by the professor)**

**C. CAMEO REVIEW THREE**

- a. Our primary task in this session is to discuss challenges to Christian spirituality, generated by our reading of Berkhof and chapters in Hunter, Willard, and Dawn and Peterson. Base the cameo review for this session on the entire reading for the session.
- b. For the "review," consider the following questions:
  - i. What are principalities, powers, rulers, authorities, demons, Satan, and so forth?
  - ii. What is the relationship between human brokenness and principalities and powers, the demonic, flesh, sin, and so forth?
  - iii. What is the relationship between Christian maturity and principalities and powers, the demonic, flesh, sin, and so forth?
  - iv. What is the relationship between Triune God and principalities and power?
  - v. What is the nature of the powers and "spiritual forces of evil," and how do they influence human beings? How do they influence practices of Christian Maturity?
  - vi. How does the power of Jesus and the process of spiritual maturity prepare the church to respond to political power and social expressions of power, such as the trans\* movement, CRT, and so forth? How do political and social powers challenge Christian discipleship and maturity?
  - vii. What questions were raised in your reading?
- c. Be prepared to lead discussion on any of the above or questions raised on content from Berkhof, Dawn, Hunter, or Peterson.

#### D. FOR FURTHER STUDY

- a. William Barrett, *The Illusion of Technique: A Search for Meaning in a Technological Civilization* (Garden City, NY: Anchor Press, 1979).
- b. Jacques Ellul,
  - i. *Money and Power*, trans. LaVonne Neff (Dowers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1984).
  - ii. *The New Demons* trans. C. Edward Hopkins (New York: Seabury Press, 1975).
  - iii. *The Subversion of Christianity*, trans. Geoffrey W. Bromiley (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1986).
  - iv. *The Technological Society*, trans. John Wilkinson (New York: Vintage Books, 1964).
- c. Douglas Groothuis, *The Soul in Cyberspace* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1997).
- d. Charles Kimball, *When Religion Becomes Evil* (New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., 2002).
- e. Cornelius Plantinga, Jr., *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin*. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995).
- f. Laurence Shames, *The Hunger For More: Searching for Values in an Age of Greed* (New York, NY: Random House, Inc., 1989).
- g. Marguerite Shuster, *Power, Pathology, Paradox: The Dynamics of Evil and Good* (Grand Rapids, MI: Academic Books/Zondervan Publishing House, 1987).
- h. Mark Slouka, *War of the Worlds: Cyberspace and the High-Tech Assault of Reality* (New York, NY: Basic Books/HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., 1995).
- i. Walter Wink trilogy:
  - i. *Naming the Powers: The Language of Power in the New Testament* (Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 1984).
  - ii. *Unmasking the Powers: The Invisible Forces That Determine Human Existence* (Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 1986).
  - iii. *Engaging the Powers: Discernment and Resistance in a World of Domination* (Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 1992).

## SESSIONS NINE—FOURTEEN (10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/29, 12/6)

In these final sessions, students will present oral reviews of their methodological research papers, which should integrate a critical reading and review of their chosen work (see book list below and choose one). Students will then constructively describe and defend their understanding of spiritual theology, the nature of a Christian devotional life, spiritual maturation, and/or how one might experience God.

1. John Baillie, *The Sense of the Presence of God*, Gifford Lectures, 1961-2 (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1963).
2. William Barrett, *Death of the Soul: From Descartes to the Computer* (New York: Anchor, 1987).
3. Karl Barth, *Evangelical Theology: An Introduction* (New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1963).
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5. Klaus Bockmuehl, *The Unreal God of Modern Theology: Bultmann, Barth, and the Theology of Atheism: A Call to Recovering the Truth of God's Reality* (Colorado Springs: Helmers & Howard, 1988).
6. Steven Chase, *The Tree of Life: Models of Christian Prayer* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2005).
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8. Rudolf Otto, *The Idea of the Holy: An Inquiry into the Non-Rational Factor in the Idea of the Divine and Its Relation to the Rational*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., trans. John W. Harvey (New York: Oxford University Press, 1958).
9. James R. Peters, *The Logic of the Heart: Augustine, Pascal, and the Rationality of Faith* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2009).
10. Eugene H. Peterson, *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places: A Conversation in Spiritual Theology* (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 2005).
11. William C. Placher, *The Domestication of Transcendence: How Modern Thinking about God Went Wrong* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1996).
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13. Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* (New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers, 1998).

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