

| JANUARY | THEMES<br>&<br>TOPICS                   | Date     | TEXTS                                                                                                                                 |                                                             | NOTES                                                                                               |
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|         |                                         |          | Monday                                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                   |                                                                                                     |
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|         |                                         | 17<br>19 |                                                                                                                                       |                                                             |                                                                                                     |
|         | LET'S BEGIN...& the First Assignment    | 24<br>26 | ⇒ Review the two Syllabus files (Syllabus I & Syllabus II)<br>⇒ Review and Begin “Designing Life Today” assignment with your partner. | ⇒ Continue working on the “Designing Life Today” assignment | See Moodle and Instructors’ Email for “Designing Life Today” Assignment for the week.               |
|         | [INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW OF OUR STUDY ] | 31       | ⇒ Introduction to the Course<br>⇒ Discussion of the “Designing Life Assignment”                                                       | ⇒ N/A (see next page)                                       | It is strongly recommended that you bring a printout of assigned readings to every meeting session. |
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|          | Exploring the Title<br><br>1. “LIFE”                                                                             | 31<br>2  |                                                                                                                                  | ⇒ <i>For the Life of the World</i> , Chapter 1<br>⇒ <b>WATCH: <i>Babette’s Feast</i></b>                        | Beginning FEB 2, bring ONE question on a <u>concrete passage</u> that is unclear, or you’d like to delve into more deeply. Post a passage and your question with your name. [Due at noon on the class day.] |
|          | 2. “THE MIDDLE AGES”                                                                                             | 7<br>9   | ⇒ Marcus Bull, <i>Thinking Medieval</i> , ch. 1 (pp. 7-41)<br>⇒ Rémi Brague, <i>Curing Mad Truths</i> , ch. 1 (pp. 9-22)         | ⇒ Bloch, <i>The Historian’s Craft</i> , ch. 1 (pp. 20-47)<br>⇒ Heschel, <i>Sabbath</i> , Prologue and Chapter 1 |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|          | MUSLIM EXEMPLARY LIVES BEGIN—<br><i>The Philosopher-Physician, The Proof of Islam &amp; Evil Ones, Wise Ones</i> | 14<br>16 | ⇒ <i>The Life of Ibn Sina</i> (M)<br>⇒ Ghazali, <i>Deliverance from Error</i> , pp.1-80                                          | ⇒ “Jewish King & Christians”<br>⇒ “Iblis, The Black Light”<br>⇒ The People of the Cave<br>⇒ Luqman (M)          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|          | Sovereign KINGS & Mystics & Gnostics                                                                             | 21<br>23 | ⇒ <b>THE MOGULS</b> (Binder)<br>⇒ “The King & the Sick Servant-Girl” (M)<br>⇒ Solomon (M)                                        | ⇒ <i>Sufi Women</i> (Binder)<br>⇒ Attar, <i>Memorial of God’s Friends</i><br>⇒ “A Sufi Princess”                |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|          | <i>Majdhub-Dervish</i> [The Holy Fools]                                                                          | 28       | ⇒ <b>WATCH: <i>Ba’b Aziz</i></b><br>⇒ <i>Me &amp; Rumi</i> (Binder)<br>⇒ “Al-Khidr”<br>⇒ <i>The Encounter: Moses &amp; Khidr</i> |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|       | Companions, Wives & Special Ones                     | 2        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ⇒ “Ahmed Sirhindi”<br>⇒ “Abu Bakr in Tradition”<br>⇒ Oration by A’isha<br>⇒ “An Ottoman Dream” (M)                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                             |
|       | TOWARD & AT THE SUMMIT — And making sense of it all. | 7<br>9   | ⇒ “The Prophets and Saints” (M)<br>⇒ “The Orienting Tale” (SRZ)<br>⇒ <i>The Quran</i> , Ch. 12 “Yusuf”<br>⇒ The QUR’AN, Chapter 1, <i>Al-Fatihah</i> , “The Opening” — ONLINE (note the translator).                                                  | ⇒ Episode I: Story of the “HOUSE of SORROWS” (Binder)<br>⇒ <b>A Safavid Painting:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3AEfPD8">https://bit.ly/3AEfPD8</a><br>⇒ <b>The Handshake:</b> <i>How the World Lost its Story</i> <a href="https://bit.ly/3tzxH">https://bit.ly/3tzxH</a> | <i>The Epilogue:</i> “EXILE”<br><b>JOURNAL:</b> Pass it on to SRZ in class on Wednesday the 9th.<br><b>REVIEW I (ISLAM)</b> — due on Friday before Midnight |
|       |                                                      | 14       | SPRING BREAK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | SPRING BREAK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | CHRISTIAN LIVES & DESIGNING begins after the Spring Break — JJK is in charge                                                                                |
|       | Life in Christ & The Emperor- Apostle Constantine    | 21<br>23 | ⇒ “An Immaculate Dwelling Place,” <a href="https://bit.ly/3g1mvlt">https://bit.ly/3g1mvlt</a><br>⇒ Gregory of Nyssa, <i>Life of Moses</i><br>⇒ <i>Acts of the Apostle</i> 1:1-2:13 & optional readings (links on M)<br>⇒ <i>Life of Methodius</i> (M) | ⇒ Podcast: “The Queen Stood at Thy Right Hand” (Link on M)<br>⇒ “The Twelve Great Feasts”<br>⇒ “2 Homilies on the Mother of God” (link on Moodle)<br>⇒ Akathist to the Theotokus (M)                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                             |
|       | Saint Augustine & Saint Anthony                      | 28<br>30 | ⇒ Lord of Spirits: The Divine Council (link on Moodle)<br>⇒ Bonaventure’s <i>Life of Francis</i><br>⇒ Hildegard of Bingen (M)                                                                                                                         | ⇒ Athanasius, <i>Life of Anthony</i><br>⇒ Listen to Fivei(sh) Falls (link on Moodle)                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                             |

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| APRIL | Augustine, Constantine<br>& Other Kings                                           | 4<br>6   | ⇒ Augustine, <i>Confessions</i> , all of books I-II, III & VIII (and <b>one</b> of books IV, V, VI & VII)                                                                                                                   | ⇒ Eusebius, <i>Life of Constantine</i> (M)<br>⇒ Geoffery of Monmouth, <i>History of the Kings of Britain</i> (M)                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|       | Beowulf and ...                                                                   | 11<br>13 | ⇒ READ: <i>Beowulf</i> (bookstore)<br>⇒ LISTEN: “The Real Demons of Halloween” (link on Moodle)                                                                                                                             | ⇒ The Apocalypse of Moses (link on Moodle)<br>⇒ Life of St. Mary of Egypt (M)                                                                                                                            | <b>JOURNAL:</b> Pass it on to JJK in class on Thursday, the 13th.<br><b>REVIEW I (Christianity)</b> in view of Easter, due now on Monday by midnight.<br><b>THIS WEEKEND:</b>                                                                                                                                                               |
|       | “WHAT IS DESIGN-<br>ING?”<br>& Translation Issues                                 | 18<br>20 | A SABBATH DAY<br>[The class will not meet]                                                                                                                                                                                  | WORKSHOP I<br>⇒ <b>HOMEWORK:</b> Compiling the Raw Materials for Designing your Fall 2022 semester.<br>⇒ <b>IN CLASS:</b> <i>Tools for Designing life</i><br>[will be introduced by our guest T&I staff] | <b>WORKSHOPS on Designing Life BEGIN:</b> <i>How could medieval lives inform your contemporary lives?</i> Lets re-view, re-search, re-reflect, and compile raw materials and insights from texts we have studied. Let’s also address challenges that came up in translating medieval lives into designing your fall 2022 Davidson semester. |
|       | Designing YOUR Fall 2022 semester &<br>— <i>METAPHORS</i> for De-<br>signing Life | 25<br>27 | WORKSHOP II— “Designing?”<br>⇒ WATCH: <i>How to Cook Your Life</i> <a href="https://bit.ly/3sn9lku">https://bit.ly/3sn9lku</a><br>⇒ FIRST SUBSTANTIAL DRAFT OF YOUR DESIGNED FALL 2022 SEMESTER WILL BE DISCUSSED IN CLASS. | WORKSHOP III— “IN?”<br>⇒ SECOND SUBSTANTIAL DRAFT OF YOUR DESIGNED FALL 2022 SEMESTER WILL BE DISCUSSED IN CLASS.<br>Feedforward from instructors.                                                       | <b>THIS WEEKEND:</b> BEGIN “Designing YOUR Life” . Your groundwork this weekend is critical to the Workshops on Monday and Wednesday. You are expected therefore to have made <u>substantial progress</u> by Monday class session.                                                                                                          |

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| <div>MAY</div> | THE LAST WEEK — [CONCLUDING our Study]                                             | 2<br><br>4  | THEME: The END... & Afterlife<br>⇒ WATCH: <i>The Seventh Seal</i> (1957)<br><br>Concluding & Evaluating the course, instructors, our lives. | POSTSCRIPT:<br>⇒ Satan/Demons & PRAYER: Compiling from the texts the role they play in life.<br>⇒ POINTING POWE (Powerpoint) | MAY 6 (6 minutes to MIDNIGHT): FINAL Group “Designing Life” Task/Project Due. |
|                | In Lieu of the FINAL EXAM, the last task/project.<br><br>DIALOG AMONG GROUP MATES. | 9<br><br>11 | Class Meetings have ended.                                                                                                                  | Class Meetings have ended.                                                                                                   | DIALOG videos will be turned in before the last day of exams.                 |
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