

JANUARY

TEXTS

THE TWO PDFs:

1. SYLLABUS
2. THE ROADMAP (THIS DOCUMENT)

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THEMES & TOPICS

INTRODUCING THE JOURNEY, ITS SPIRIT & PURPOSEFULNESS—ROUND I

NOTES/COMMENTS

THERE IS AN ASSIGNMENT DUE NEXT SESSION

- WHAT ABOUT THE “&” IN THE TITLE OF THE COURSE
- DYNAMICS OF CO-TEACHING & CO-LEARNING

- Paul Griffiths, “The Religious Alien” (M)
- WC Smith, “Scripture as Form and as Concept” (M)

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DIVING DEEPER INTO THE STAKES IN OUR STUDY—ROUND II

READ CAREFULLY AND POST YOUR QUESTION COMMENT ON THE SYLLABUS AND CRAFT YOUR LEARNING OUTCOME (5% OF YOUR GRADE)

BE PREPARED TO SHARE & DISCUSS YOUR HOMEWORK

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- Excerpt from Collins, *Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*, pp. 1-9 (M).
- Bart Ehrman, "Do we Have the Original New Testament?" (M)

Bible Background

Text, shape of collection, origins, historical context, Hebrew Bible v. Old Testament, canonization etc.

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SECTION I OF OUR STUDY:

INTRODUCTIONS TO THE BIBLE & THE QUR'AN

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- Allama Tabatabai, *The Qur'an* 'Foreword & Introduction' (M) & PART I.

Introducing the Qur'an

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- William Schniedewind, "How the Bible Became a Book" (M)
- Margaret Mitchell, "The Emergence of the Written Record" (M; you can skip the pages about Paul, if you like)

Bible Background II (historical context)

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- Qur'an selections (Jonathan Berkey) (M)
- Allama Tabatabai, *The Qur'an* 'Part II: Teachings of the Quran' (M)
- SRZ, "An Orienting Tale of All That's Islamic" (M)

Opening and Entering the World of the Qur'an

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- 2-page introduction to Philo of Alexandria
- Excerpts from Philo's commentary on Genesis
- Two short pieces from Dale Martin on pre-modern and modern biblical interpretation

Bible: Modes of interpretation; patterns of reading

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- "Surat al-Fatiha" (from *The Quran and Its Interpreters*)
- "The Opening" (from *The Study Quran*)
- Last Two Chapters (from *The Study Quran*)
- READ AGAIN: Allama Tabatabai, *The Qur'an* 'Part II: Teachings of the Quran" (M)

Making Sense of the Qur'an

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EXAMINATION: 20% (30-MINUTES)

'PAUSE, REFLECT & INTEGRATE': REST OF THE MEETING TIME LET'S REVISIT WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED SO FAR.

END OF SECTION I OF OUR STUDY

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EXPLORE the website: [Scriptural Reasoning Website](#) especially [ABOUT Scriptural Reasoning](#)

During In-Class Meeting:
SCRIPTURE [SR PACKET]

INTRODUCING SCRIPTURAL REASONING (SR)

Scriptural Reasoning SESSION I

SECTION II OF OUR STUDY

SCRIPTURAL REASONING & JUXTAPOSING CHARACTERS & THEMES IN THE BIBLE & THE QURAN

DRAFT PORTFOLIO IN THIS SECTION OF THE COURSE.
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01 (M)	FOOD [SR PACKET]	Scriptural Reasoning II	
03 (W)	NO CLASS	"AND YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"	NO CLASS
08 (M)	LIGHT [SR PACKET]	Scriptural Reasoning III	
10 (W)	STUDENTS WILL SELECT A THEME [SR PACKET]	Scriptural Reasoning IV	LET'S CONSIDER PARALLEL SR SECTIONS ON VARIOUS THEMES IN BREAKOUT ROOMS.

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15 (M)	- Peter Ochs, "Introduction" (1-23) in <i>Religion Without Violence</i> https://bit.ly/3r5OJzu - Peter Ochs, "Reading Scriptures Together" (M) - Watch: https://bit.ly/3tcW7Ki	PAUSE, REFLECT & INTEGRATE Scriptural Reasoning and its comparison to other modes and methods of scriptural-driven Christian-Muslim encounters and engagement.	END OF SR (SECTION II) OF OUR STUDY TURN IN YOUR PORTFOLIO TODAY TO PROF ZAMIR
17 (W)	BIBLE: Genesis 32 (Jacob); Exodus 32 (Moses); 2 Samuel 11-12 (David); Psalm 22 (the Psalmist, picked up by Jesus, on the cross); Matthew 5 (Matthew's version of the Lord's Prayer); Luke 11 (Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer); Mark 14:32-42 (Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane) QUR'AN: Compilation of Quranic <i>Du'as</i> (M)	PRAYER	SECTION III OF OUR STUDY WE WILL NOW READ SCRIPTURES CLOSELY... LETS OBSERVE HOW SCRIPTURAL REASONING INFLUENCES OUR READING & INTERPRETATION EXPECT JOURNAL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION [LED BY PROF. SNYDER]
22 (M)	BIBLE: Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2; Mark 3:31-35; Mark 6:1-6; John 1-2, 19; QUR'AN: MARY, Encyclopedia Entry (M); CH:19 (Mary):1-40, 3:35-49, 66:10-12 & MUHAMMAD, Encyc. Entry (M)	MARY [& "THE PROPHET" ?]	
24 (W)	BIBLE: Leviticus 27 (especially verses 30-34); Genesis 14:19-20; 28:20-22; Deuteronomy 12, 14; Tobit 4:1-11 (look in the "Apocrypha" section of the index; Matthew 6:1-4; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; Romans 15:25-8; Acts 4:32-5:11. QUR'AN: WEALTH Encyclopedia Entry (M); Chapters 107 & 93, 2:261-284, 5:55, 17:26-31, 33:33	GIVING ALMS (& Wealth)	

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BIBLE: Genesis 15-17; 21-22; Hebrews 11:13-19

QUR'AN: 2:122-141; 37:75-113

Catherine Bell, *Ritual* pp.111-114 (M)

Selections from Gerard, *Violence and the Sacred* (M)

Brill Encyclopedia of Religion "Sacrifice" (M)

SACRIFICE OF ISAAC ISHMAEL

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BIBLE: Luke 2:41-52; Mark 1:1-15; John 1:1-18; Mark 13 (especially 13.32); Matthew 5:17-20

QUR'AN: 3:42-59; 19:27-34; 4:157-8 & 171; 5:46; 5:72-76, 116-17; 43:57-61; 61;6

Kisai, "Jesus, son of Mary" from *Tales of the Prophets* (M)

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05 (M)	N/A	A SABBATH DAY	
07 (W)		NO CLASS TODAY	
12 (M)	BIBLE: Genesis 1-2; Exodus 19-20, 24; Psalm 104; Ezekiel 1; John 14:8-14; Revelation 4 QUR'AN: Sura 1; 2:255 (Verse of Throne); 24:35 (Verse of Light); Sura 55; 59:21-24; Surahs 113 & 114 (The Last Two). NOTE: Listen to a good recitation of Chapter 55 on YOUTUBE. There are plenty available there.	GOD	
14 (W)	Kibble, "Religious Studies and the Quest for Truth" (M) BIBLE: Genesis 3; Deuteronomy 12-14; 1 Corinthians 8; Revelation 2:20-29 QUR'AN: Fasting: 2:183-187; 5-89, 19:26, 33:35, 58:4; Food & Drink: 2:59-61, 166-173, 3:93, 5:5-6 & 93, 75:90-96	Reflecting on Our Study and Our Methods FOOD & FASTING	

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BIBLE: Deuteronomy 7; 2 Kings 17; Daniel 3; John 8-9

QUR'AN: 3:64 & 10:19

READ: "A Common Word" Text (M)

Explore the website: <https://www.acommonword.com/>

RELIGIOUS OTHERS

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BIBLE: Genesis 1-2; Deuteronomy 22, 24; Luke 7:36-8:3; Mark 14:1-9; Mark 16:1-8; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; 1 Corinthians 11:2-16; 1 Timothy 2:8-15

QUR'AN: Adam's wife 2:35-38; 4:1, 39:6; Moses' mother, Pharaoh's wife: 20:38-40; 28:7-13; wives of Lot and Noah vs. the wife of Pharaoh; Marriage: 7:189, 30:21; Sex, 2:187, 2:222-3; 58:1-5; Divorce: 2:229-232, 2:241, 65:1-7; Polygyny: 4:3, 4:129; Women in the Public Sphere: 9:71, 24:30-31; 33:32-36, 33:59; Violence against Women: 4:34; Houris 3:15, 4:57, 55:56-60; 55:70-77; 56:22-24; 56:35-38; Queen Sheba: 27:22-44. Hagar: 2:158, 7:85; 14:35-39.

FAMILY WOMEN GENDER

END OF SECTION III OF OUR STUDY

JOURNAL COMPLETED TODAY (LED BY PROF. SNYDER)

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BIBLE: Daniel 7 (Oxford Study Bible p. 1263); Joel ch. 2 (p. 1294 in the OSB); Malachi 4 (OSB p. 1375); 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p. 2116); 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (p. 2040) and 7:25-31; 2 Peter 3:1-15 (p. 2184); Revelation 1-6, 12-13, and 19-22 (p. 2203); also the introduction

QUR'AN: The Qur'an (Qarai tr.): Chapters 1 & 114-78 (Read chapters in the reverse order, beginning with 114, then 113, 112 and so on.

THE END & JUDGMENT

Listening to the Quran

be sure to listen to some of these short chapters as well. E.g.,

Sura 91, The Sun: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luv4mOcuE0E>

Sura 101, The Quaking is good too: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YetorOCYS90>

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CONCLUDING & EVALUATING OUR STUDY