

Schleiermacher

Wesley J. Wildman — Boston University — Spring, 2009 — STH TT899/TT934

Course Description

The primary aim of this course is read and understand the theology of Friedrich Daniel Ernst Schleiermacher, one of the most important and influential European intellectuals of the 19th century, and known variously as the Father of Romanticism, the Father of Hermeneutics, the Father of German Plato studies, the Father of Modern Protestant Theology, and the Father of Liberal Christian Theology. The course focuses on *The Christian Faith* (CF) but also covers some other of his writings—particularly *On Religion: Speeches to Its Cultured Despisers* (OR) and *Letters to Lücke* (LL)—and some biographical material. The secondary aim is to help students develop their own theological ideas in detailed conversation with Schleiermacher's, a purpose for which CF is particularly well suited.

The class has 800-level and 900-level designations to accommodate both advanced masters and doctoral students, respectively. Classes will meet once a week on Thursdays from 2-5. Each class will be conducted in the seminar discussion format with mini-lectures given by the instructor as needed or requested by the class. Typically the class will read and discuss certain sections extremely closely while lectures and student presentations will keep us oriented to the wider territory within the world of the two books.

The main product of the course should be a research paper involving close reading and critique of one aspect of Schleiermacher's CF. The paper should be about 3,000 words for TT899 students and 5,000 words for TT934 students. This research paper will earn the largest share of the grade (50%), with the remainder being based on a detailed review of two books on the review list (i.e. English-language biographies, secondary works, or other writings of Schleiermacher—25%), and quality of participation, reading responses, and seminar contributions (25%). Incompletes are not allowed—except when they are. Paperwork is necessary. Plagiarism is not allowed—ever. Know the rules.

Proposed Seminar Schedule

Here is a proposed schedule of readings. This being a seminar, we will consider ourselves free to deviate from this timetable if it seems advisable. Students are to complete all seven sections of the Pauck biography by Spring Break, reading at the pace of one section per week. We will read short selections from *The Essential Tillich* from time to time, as they complement the readings from ST or deal with questions that arise in class discussion.

1/15/09	Introduction to Schleiermacher and his theology
1/22/09	OR Crouter's Introduction and Speech 1
1/29/09	OR Speeches 2, 3
2/5/09	OR Speeches 4, 5 [first review due prior to class]
2/12/09	CF Introduction, Chapter I (1-93)
2/19/09	CF Introduction, Chapter II (94-128); LL (entire)
2/26/09	CF Part I Section I (131-193)
3/5/09	CF Part I Section II and Section III (194-256)
3/12/09	No Class: Spring Break
3/19/09	CF Part II First Aspect (259-354) [second review due prior to class]
3/26/09	CF Part II Second Aspect Section I Division I (355-475)
4/2/09	CF Part II Second Aspect Section I Division II (476-524)
4/9/09	CF Part II Second Aspect Section II Division I (525-581)
4/16/09	CF Part II Second Aspect Section II Division II (582-695)
4/23/09	No Class: Monday Schedule
4/30/09	CF Part II Second Aspect Section II Division III, Section III, and Conclusion (696-751) Discussion of student research papers [due prior to class]

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Required Books

- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *The Christian Faith*, tr. and ed. H.R. Mackintosh and J.S. Stewart. With a Forward by Brian A. Gerrish. Tr. of the 2nd German ed. of *Der Christliche Glaube*, 1930-31; 1st German ed., 1821-22. First published 1928. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1999. [9780567087096]
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *On Religion: Speeches to Its Cultured Despisers*. Be sure to use the second edition of Crouter's translation of the 1799 first edition of *Über die Religion* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996) rather than Crouter's first edition (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988). [9780521479752] Do not use the older translation of the 1821 third edition of *Über die Religion* by John Oman (first published 1893; most recently republished Philadelphia: Westminster John Knox Press, 1994).
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *On the Glaubenslehre: Two Letters to Dr. Lucke*. Translated by James Duke and Francis Fiorenza. Chico, CA: Scholars Press, 1981. [978-0-8-9130420-3]

Books Suitable for Reviews

- Brandt, Richard B. *The Philosophy of Schleiermacher: The Development of His Theory of Scientific and Religious Knowledge*. Westport, 1968.
- Crouter, Richard. *Friedrich Schleiermacher: Between Enlightenment and Romanticism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- DeVries, Dawn. *Jesus Christ in the Preaching of Calvin and Schleiermacher*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1996.
- Funk, Robert W., ed. *Schleiermacher as Contemporary*. New York: Herder and Herder, 1970.
- Gerrish, Brian A. *A Prince of the Church: Schleiermacher and the Beginnings of Modern Theology*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1984.
- Lamm, Julia. *The Living God: Schleiermacher's Theological Appropriation of Spinoza*. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1994.
- Mariña, Jacqueline, ed. *The Cambridge Companion to Friedrich Schleiermacher*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- Nicol, Iain G. *Schleiermacher and Feminism: Sources, Evaluations, and Responses*. Schleiermacher Studies and Translations, Vol. 12. Edwin Mellen Press, 1992.
- Niebuhr, Richard R. *Schleiermacher on Christ and Religion: A New Introduction*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1964.
- Redeker, Martin. *Schleiermacher: Life and Thought*, translated by John Wallhausser from the 1968 German edition. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1973.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *The Life of Jesus*, translated by S. Maclean Gilmour, edited by Jack C. Verheyden. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1975 or Sigler Press, 1997.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Brief Outline on the Study of Theology*, translated by Terrence N. Tice. Atlanta: John Knox, 1966.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Christmas Eve: A Dialogue on the Celebration of Christmas*. Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1890.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Fifteen Sermons of Friedrich Schleiermacher Delivered to Celebrate the Beginning of a New Year*. Translated by Edwina G. Lawler from *Monologe* (1800). Edwin Mellen Press, 2003.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Hermeneutics and Criticism and Other Writings*. Translated by Andrew Bowie. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Lectures on Philosophical Ethics*. Translated by Louise Adey Huish. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *On Creeds, Confessions and Church Union: "That They May Be One."* Translated by Iain G. Nicol. Edwin Mellen Press, 2004.

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- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Selected Sermons of Schleiermacher*. Translated by Mary F. Wilson. Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2004.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Servant of the Word: Selected Sermons of Friedrich Schleiermacher*. Translated and edited by Dawn DeVries. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1987.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *The Life of Schleiermacher, as Unfolded in His Autobiography and Letters*, 2 volumes. Translation of the first two volumes of *Aus Schleiermacher Leben in Briefen* by Frederica Rowan. London: Smith, Elder, 1860.
- Sykes, Stephen. *Friedrich Schleiermacher*. Richmond: John Knox Press, 1971.
- Tice, Terrence. *Schleiermacher Bibliography*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1966. This work contains 1,928 entries of primary sources and secondary literature dating up to 1966.
- Williams, Robert R. *Schleiermacher the Theologian: The Construction of the Doctrine of God*. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1978.