WEEK 1  Varieties of Religious Experience: Buddhism

Tuesday, January 5th
3:30  Seeking the Self: A Buddhist Analysis, Professor Bielefeldt, Religious Studies
6:00  The Emptiness of It All: Getting Over Buddhism, Professor Bielefeldt

Wednesday, January 6th
3:15  Discussion with Professor Bielefeldt
6:00  The Wheel of Life, Dr. Watkins, SLE

Thursday, January 7th
6:00  Movie: Samsara (Nalin, 2005; 138')

Readings:
The Foundations of Mindfulness (Satipattana-sutta) *
The Heart Sutra *
Heart Sutra mp3 (can be heard on the syllabus wiki (here) and/or downloaded from the "Materials" section of the SLE Coursework site -- log in at coursework.stanford.edu)
WEEK 2  Varieties of Religious Experience: Islam

Tuesday, January 12th
3:30  Muhammad and the Qur’an, Professor Sadeghi, Religious Studies
6:00  Ethics, Professor Sadeghi

Wednesday, January 13th
3:15  Persian Poetry with Professor Bashir, Religious Studies
6:00  Islamic Visual Culture, Professor Nanji, Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies

Thursday, January 14th
3:15  Discussion seminars
6:00  SLE Salon: What is a Religion?

Readings:
The Qur’an: pp. 145-152, 394-446

WEEK 3  The Middle Ages

Tuesday, January 19th
3:30  The Medieval World, Professor Buc, History
6:00  The Song of Roland, Professor Buc, History

Wednesday, January 20th
3:15  Discussion seminars
6:00  Chretien de Troyes, Professor Galvez, French & Italian

Thursday, January 21st
3:15  Discussion seminars
6:00  SLE Salon: Medieval Music, Professor Mahrt, Music

Readings:
Song of Roland
Arthurian Romances: "Erec and Enide" and "The Knight of the Cart (Lancelot)"
WEEK 4    Scholasticism

Tuesday, January 26th
3:30 Dante's Inferno, Professor Harrison, French & Italian
6:00 Thomas Aquinas, Dr. Watkins, SLE

Wednesday, January 27th
3:15 Discussion seminars
6:00 Medieval Art, Professor Pentcheva, Art & Art History

Thursday, January 28th
3:15 Discussion seminars
6:00 Movie: “Seventh Seal” (Bergman, 1957, 96”)

Readings:
Aquinas selection "On Kingship"
Aquinas selections from Summa contra Gentiles and Summa Theologiae (Aquinas readings)
Dante’s Inferno

WEEK 5    Renaissance in Italy

Tuesday, February 2nd
3:30 Boccaccio's Decameron, Dr. Lopez, SLE
6:00 Machiavelli's The Prince, Professor Stone, Political Science

Wednesday, February 3rd
3:15 Discussion seminars
6:00 Renaissance art, Professor Hansen, Art & Art History

Thursday, February 4th
3:15 Discussion seminars
6:00 Movie: “Fog of War” (Morris, 2003, 107”)

Readings:
Boccaccio, Decameron, selections*
Castiglione, The Courtier, selections *
Machiavelli, The Prince (pp. 3 - 72)
Machiavelli, from Discourses on Livy*
WEEK 6  Religious Reformation and Renewal

Tuesday, February 9th
3:30  Luther and the Reformation, Professor Stokes, History
6:00  The Reformations, Professor Lougee, History

Wednesday, February 18th
3:15  Discussion seminars
6:00  Thomas More’s Utopia, Professor Greene, Comparative Literature

Thursday, February 19th
3:15  Discussion seminars
6:00  “A Man For All Seasons” (Zinnemann, 1966, 120"

Readings:
Luther, "The Freedom of a Christian" (pp. 47-96)
More, Utopia

WEEK 7  Encounter in the New World

Tuesday, February 16th
3:30  Why Europe? Professor Herzog, History
6:00  Encounters, Professor Herzog, History

Wednesday, February 17th
3:15  Discussion seminars
6:00  Bartolomé de Las Casas: Eye Witness, Scholar, Spaniard, Professor Lougee, History

Thursday, February 18th
3:15  Discussion seminars
6:00  Movie: “Cabeza de Vaca” (Cruz, 1993, 108"

Readings:
Christopher Columbus, “Letter to Various Persons Describing the Results of his First
Voyage (1493)” *
“The Lords and Holy Men of Tenochtitlan Reply to the Franciscans (1524)” *
Cabeza de Vaca, Adventures in the Unknown Interior of America
Bernal Diaz, The Conquest of New Spain (44-118, 216-77)
Miguel León-Portilla, ed., The Broken Spears: The Aztec Account of the Conquest of
Mexico  (3-36) *
The Las Casas-Sepulveda Debate*
WEEK 8  An Age of Reason

Tuesday, February 23rd
3:30  The Scientific Revolution, Professor Findlen, History
6:00  Descartes, Professor Anderson, Philosophy

Wednesday, February 24th
3:15  Discussion seminars
6:00  Locke, Professor Satz, Philosophy

Thursday, February 25th
3:15  Discussion seminars
6:00  SLE Salon: “Philosophy Talk”

Readings:
Descartes, Discourse on Method, Meditations
Locke, Second Treatise of Government
Immanuel Kant, “What is Enlightenment?” *

WEEK 9  What is Enlightenment?

Tuesday, March 2nd
3:30  Enlightenment, Slavery, and Freedom, Professor Campbell, History
6:00  The Problem of Thomas Jefferson, Professor Campbell

Wednesday, March 3rd
3:15  Discussion seminars
6:00  Diderot’s Enlightenment, Professor Lougee Chappell, History

Thursday, March 4th
3:15  Discussion seminars
6:00  The SLE Play

Friday, March 5th
Visits to Special Collections, Green Library

Readings:
Equiano’s Travels
Diderot, Rameau’s Nephew
Thomas Jefferson, from Notes on the State of Virginia*
WEEK 10  Rousseau and Revolution

Tuesday, March 9th
3:30  Rousseau, Dr. Jeremy Sabol, SLE
6:00  The French Revolution, Professor Baker, History

Wednesday, March 10th
3:15  Discussion seminar (take-home exam distributed)
6:00  Two Revolutions, Professor Rakove, History

Thursday, March 11th
5:30  SLE Salon Banquet

Readings:
Rousseau, Social Contract I, 1-8; II, 1-8; III, 1-2; IV, 1 & 8 (pp. 28-35, 36-44, 48-52, 67, 77-81)
Rousseau, "A Discourse on the Origin of Inequality" (Dedication, Preface, and Dissertation) (pp. 96-135)
Sieyes, "What is the Third Estate?"

FINAL EXAM INFORMATION:
A take-home exam will be distributed at the end of the Banquet on 3/12 and will be due Saturday, 3/14 at 5 p.m.