HA/HL III
THE STORY OF CHRISTIANITY I:
       Early and Medieval
Part 2: Medieval History

Time:        Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30-2:50 pm
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Course Description:
The thousand years (A. D. 500-1500) of the story of Christianity that are covered in these four and a half weeks have often been passed over in silence or treated rather negatively in Protestant histories and seminaries. Yet in these years the foundations were laid for European Christianity which has decisively shaped our Western culture, the faith communities of which most of us are a part, and the personal faith of most of us. In the short time available to us, we will aim to develop some understanding of and appreciation for this significant portion of our “family history” and some ability to reflect on what this period of history can teach us for the life of faith in today’s world.

Texts:
      - this is one of the texts you have used already; chapters 26-34 deal with the medieval period.

Online resources and readings
Can be found at www.gjlts.com Please get the password information from the professor.

Course Requirements
Note: 65% of your grade for HA/HL111 is based on your work with Professor Beardsall, covering the story of Early Christianity. 35% of your grade is based on the work you will do with Professor Jensen on the story of Medieval Christianity. All comments about assignments and grades that follow relate only to the medieval portion of this course.

1. Class participation will count for 20% of your final grade. Both attendance and participation in classroom discussions will be taken into account. Participation in class will include taking responsibility for reporting informally on particular assigned readings.
2. The following figures are of major significance in the story of medieval Christianity:

Nov. 14: St. Patrick (ca. 386-461)
        St. Boniface (680-754)
        St. Ansgar (801-856)

Nov. 16: St. Benedict and Scholastica (ca. 480-543)
        Pope Leo I (the Great; † 461)
        Pope Gregory I (the Great, 540-604)

Nov. 21: Charlemagne, Holy Roman Emperor (ca. 742-814)
        Leoba, (700-780?); Dhoda (803-843); and Hrotsvit (ca 935-975)

Nov. 23: Pope Gregory VII (ca. 1021-1085)
        Henry II (1133-1189) and Thomas Becket (1118-1170)

Nov. 28: Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)
        Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

Nov. 30: Pope Innocent III (1160-1216)
        Francis of Assisi (1181/2-1226) and Clare of Assisi (1194-1253)
        Thomas of Aquinas (1225-1274)
        Mechthild of Magdeburg (ca 1210-1280) and Marguerite of Porete († 1310)

Dec. 5: Birgitta of Sweden (1303-1372)
        Gertrude (the Great) of Helfta (1256-ca. 1302)
        Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)
        Julian of Norwich (ca. 1342 - after 1413)

Dec. 7: John Wyclif (1330-1384)
        John Hus (1374-1415)

Each class member will select one of these persons and prepare a two page, 12 point, Times New Roman font, one inch (2.54cm) margins, double spaced (maximum) report on this person to be orally presented on the date given above. Each student is responsible for making photocopies of their written report (maximum 2 pages, 12 point Times New Roman font, single spaced, one inch [254cm] margins) for distribution to the class members (and the professor). This counts for 30% of your grade.

3. There is a final "examination." It will include multiple choice questions, matching questions, and 2 short essay questions that can be selected from among the five topics that receive major attention in this part of the course: the papacy, religious orders, church-state relations, the place and roles of women in the medieval church, and theological development. This counts for 50% of your grade.

**Brief Bibliography:**

**General Studies:**


Thatcher, Oliver J. *Europe in the Middle Age*: New York: Scribner, 1898.


**The Medieval Popes and Crusades**


**Mysticism:**


**Medieval Personalities:**


**Religious Orders:**


**Eve of the Reformation:**


**Schedule of Classes and Reading Assignments**

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Nov. 16:  
**Monks and Popes**  
- Monasticism  
- The papacy  

Gonzalez, 238-50  
‘The Synod of Whitby’  
‘The Rule of St. Benedict’  
‘The Pope as Administrator’  
‘The Pope as Pastor’  
‘The Donation of Constantine’

Nov. 21:  
**Emerging Christian Europe:**  
- Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire  
- The role of women  
- The rise of medieval theology  

Gonzalez, 266-76  
‘Conversion of Clovis’  
‘Charlemagne Crowned Emperor’  
‘Life of Leoba’  
‘Dhuoda Manual’

**II. The High Middle Ages (1050-1300)**  
Nov. 23:  
**Movements of Renewal and Reform:**  
- Monastic reform: Cluny  
- Papal reform  
- Power struggles between pope and emperor  

Gonzalez, 277-91  
‘Foundation Charter of Cluny’  
‘Peace of God’  
‘Truce of God’  
‘Henry IV Letter to Gregory VII’  
‘Depositions and Banning of Henry IV’  
‘Ban on Lay Investitures’

Nov. 28:  
**Monastic Reform and the Crusades:**  
- Monastic reform: Cistercians  
- Crusades and Inquisitions  

Gonzalez, 292-300, 319-23  
‘Description of Clairvaux’  
‘Bernard of Clairvaux – Critique of Clunyacs’  
‘Bernard of Clairvaux – On Loving God’  
‘Call for a Crusade – Gregory VII’  
‘Call for a Crusade – Urban II’  
‘Bernard of Clairvaux – Apology for 2nd Crusade’  
‘Hildegard of Bingen Bio’  
‘Hildegard of Bingen Excerpts’  
‘Hildegard of Bingen Correspondence’

Nov. 30:  
**Popes, Mendicants and a Great Theologist:**  
- developing papal claims  
- Mendicant orders  
- Thomas Aquinas  

Gonzalez, 301-19  
‘Innocent III – Letters’  
‘Conversion of Waldo’  
‘Accusations Against the Albigensians’  
‘Rule of the Franciscan Order’  
‘Mechthild of Magdeburg’

**III. The Later Middle Ages (1300-1500)**  
Dec. 5:  
**The Tumultuous Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries:**  
- Church-State Relations  
- Renaissance Humanism  
- Theological Development  
- Late Medieval Mysticism  

Gonzalez, 324-41, 362-74  
‘Boniface VIII – Unam Sanctum’  
‘Petrarch – Critique of Avignon Papacy’  
‘Lateran IV – Select Canons’  
‘Catherine of Siena’  
‘Julian of Norwich Showings’

Dec. 7:  
**Scholastics, Protest and Reform:**  
- late medieval scholasticism  
- Wyclif, Hus, and Savonarola  
- Summary  

Gonzalez, 342-61  
‘Pope Gregory XI and Wycliffe’  
‘Jan Hus Final Declaration’