

PHIL 200-32567, Comparative Religion, Spring 2020

Course Schedule (Revised February 8, 2020)
Concepts of "God"

- February 4, 6 -----1. Shamanism and Divination (4–6)
11 -----**Exercise #1 Due** (February 11th)
2. Vedic Hinduism and the Gods (7–10)
13 -----**Class Canceled**
18 -----2. Vedic Hinduism and the Gods (7–10), *continued*
20, 25 -----3. The Originating Story of Monotheistic Religions (11–14)
4. Israel and the Covenant (15–25)
27 -----**Quiz #1**; 5. The Qur'an and the Beginnings of Islam (26–28)
- March 3 -----6. Christianity (29–39)
5 -----7. Is the God of the Bible identical to "Allah"? (40–52)
10, 12 -----**Spring Break**
- Society**
- 17 -----**Essay Due** March 17th *note that this is the same date as the original schedule!*
8. Religion and Society in Hinduism (54–65)
19 -----8. Religion and Society in Hinduism (54–65);
9. Judaism, Purity and Sanctification (66–74)
24 -----9. Judaism (*continued*); 10. The Five Pillars of Practice of Islam (75–78)
26 -----**Quiz #2**; Islam (*continued*)
- Morality & Ethics**
- 31 -----11. Overview of Chinese Religion (80–82)
12. The Tao According to Taoism (83–89)
- April 2 -----13. The Buddha (90–97)
7, 9 -----**Quiz #3** (April 7th)
14. Buddhist Morality (98–103)
15. Two Ways of Being Buddhist (104–109)
14, 16 -----16. Confucianism (110–116); Christian Morality: pp. 35–37
- Ritual & Worship**
- 21, 23 -----**Exercise #2 Due** (April 21st)
Intro, presence, community, pilgrimages
28, 30 -----Time
- Final Exam (TBA)---- Quiz #4; Ritual/Worship Reports Due**