

Ethical and Spiritual Issues in Pastoral Care (August 19-October 13, 2010)**

Philosophical and Spiritual Issues in Death & Dying (October 18 – December 10, 2010)**

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Two team-taught 8-week courses (16 weeks = 6 credit hours) - Tuesdays 5.40 – 8.30 PM in-class & weekly hybrid sessions

Weeks 1-8, CLCC 104, ASUW - AEP 550/ REL 585:

Ethical and Spiritual Issues in Pastoral Care (3)

Recalling the ancient Socratic, biblical and other spiritual traditions of care for and cure of the soul, the course introduces students to concepts and practices of care ethics and spirituality. We will pay attention to existential (ontological), therapeutic (psychosomatic), and spiritual (religious) dimensions of care.

*Robert C. Dykstra, *Images of Pastoral Care*. Christian Board of Publication, 2005. 978-0827216242.

Pamela Cooper-White. *Shared Wisdom*. Fortress Press, 2004 (also on Kindle). 978-0800634544.

Dayle A. Friedman. *Jewish Pastoral Care: A Practical Handbook from Traditional & Contemporary Sources*. Jewish Lights Publishing, 2010, 2nd exp. paperback ed. 978-1580234276. (*This text is used also in wks. 9-16*)

Read for the first class:

Plato's *Apology* @ <http://classics.mit.edu/index.html>

*Nouwen, "The Wounded Healer" (Dykstra, chap.7).

*Kestenbaum, in Friedman, *Jewish Pastoral Care*, 1-15.

Weeks 9-16, CLCC 102, ASUW- AEP 598/ REL 598:

Philosophical and Spiritual Issues in Death & Dying (3)

From classical to contemporary times, philosophers and spiritual writers have examined how death and dying contribute to an understanding of human existence. Does the discontinuity of death yield to a higher continuity, or do religious traditions deny death? How ought I to live, once I awaken to the reality of death?

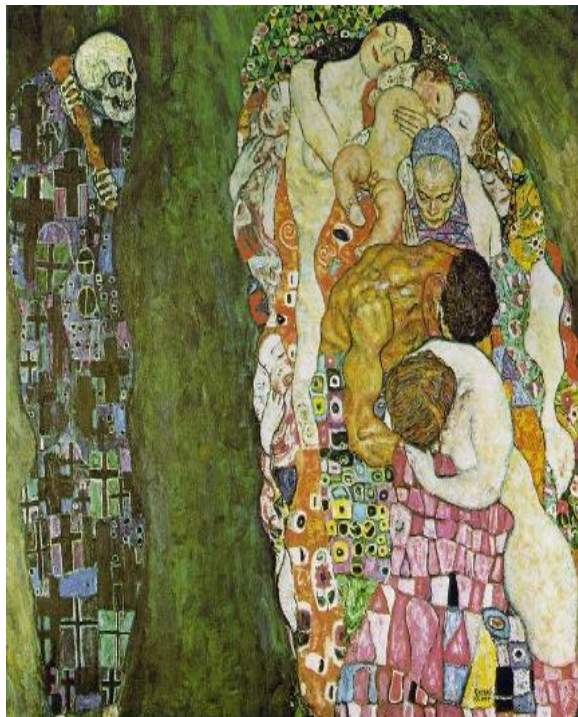
Ernest Becker. *The Denial of Death*. Free Press, 1997. 978-0684832401.

*Daisetz Teitaro Suzuki. *Mysticism: Christian and Buddhist* Forgotten Books, 2007. New paper & on Kindle. 978-1605061320.

*Joan Halifax. *Being with Dying: Cultivating Compassion and Fearlessness in the Presence of Death*. Shambhala, 2009. 978-1590307182.

Read for the first class:

*Leo Tolstoy. *The Death of Ivan Ilyich*. CreateSpace, 2010 & on Kindle. 978-1451582543 & <http://classics.mit.edu/index.html> for Epicurus, Letter to Menoecus 121-135
Titus Lucretius Carus, *On the Nature of Things*. Book III, par. 825-977.



Philosophical & Spiritual Conversations about Death

Epicurus, Lucretius, Marcus Aurelius: overcoming the fear of death, knowing what we can/not control
Athens, Jerusalem, Paris: philosophers are dead already, all but dust, the immortal soul, dry bones shall rise?
Psychoanalysis, Existentialism & Biblical Religions: despair & neurosis, heroic immortality & *causa sui* projects
Buddhism: impermanence/ practice of the "Great Death"



Death, Dying, Living, Loving: Big Questions & Meditations

Inevitable deaths: growth, disease, decay, grief, burials
Denials of death: religious, existential, technological
Woundings of death: by one's hand, of the loved ones
Gifts of death: care, love, rebirth, dying well, letting go
Divine deaths: creation, forgiveness, no-thingness.

*Great for summer meditative readings before the Fall term begins

**Open to all graduate students & qualified seniors. If you do not meet the listed prerequisites and would like to enroll in these courses, send your name, ASU I.D. & course title(s) to Tosha.Ruggles@asu.edu (AEP) or Lee.Quarrie@asu.edu (REL)