The student in community with others is the primary text for the study of human existence. We will approach this text by way of three specific question-areas that emerge in nineteenth- and twentieth-century existential philosophy and literature as well as in some meditative practices:

(A) How the questions of existential freedom emerge in one’s awareness of self and non-self.
(B) How the questions of justice and compassion emerge in bearing witness to suffering and hope & how humor can be treasonous to powers and idols of the age.
(C) How the questions of releasement emerge in confronting one’s mortality, despair, and the possibility of love.

Part (A)

Part (B)

Shorter selections to be discussed in class:

Part (C)

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