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Political scientists have generally associated secularization with the notion of “modernization”, or political development; yet the end of the second millennium has seen the resurgence of the role of religion in politics. From the role of ecclesiastical leadership in ending *apartheid* in South Africa and promoting the downfall of state communism in Eastern Europe, to the assertion of competing territorial claims and resurgence of Islamic fundamentalism in the Middle East, and judgments in American domestic politics on issues from abortion to the legitimacy of socioeconomic inequality, religio-philosophical perspectives have reasserted their influence on political affairs. Thus, where the theologies of St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas were among the most important contributors to Western political theory in the ages past, religious activists and theologians are continuing to make such contributions in response to the challenges associated with modernity.

This course offers a critical examination of one of the most significant and influential currents of such thought today: the theology (or, more accurately, theologies) of liberation. In North America, liberation theology is commonly misapprehended as *passé* and limited in scope to Latin America. In fact, the roots of liberation theology can be traced back to European philosophers of the crisis of Western modernity at the beginning of the twentieth century. Thus, while inspired by the challenges of doing effective ministry in the harsh economic and political realities of Latin America in the 1960s, Latin American liberation theology has both (1) inspired and strengthened numerous variations on its core themes, in the forms of Black theologies, feminist theologies, and, theologies of liberation and change in support of indigenous rights movements, on the one hand; and, on the other, it has (2) come to be drawn into challenging and productive discourse with modernist and postmodernist paradigms of man and the world in the Europe and North America. As we parse the elements that distinguish the political theory of liberation theology from its orthodox predecessors, we will also analyze in non-Christian philosophico-religious settings, such as East Asia, South Africa, and the Middle East, analogues to the Latin American endeavor to marry Marxist-influenced perspectives with philosophico-religious systems of thought that the conventional wisdom has long held to be fundamentally antithetical. We will explore these efforts as they address liberation from oppression along gender, ethnic, and cultural, as well as economic axes.

Our approach will be at once historical and thematic. We will begin by considering how various religious and cultural traditions have conceptualized the relationship between human life in the material world and the relationship in which men and women live with God or the transcendent. We will analyze how efforts to respond to challenges engendered by socioeconomic change and the challenges of “modernity” gave rise to new bodies of political thought—“theologies of liberation”—beginning with their genesis in the crisis of modernity and the work of the new theologians of 20th century Western Europe through Latin America and their extension to other socio-economic, cultural, and gendered contexts. In each case, we will address and assess the political theory in these perspectives in light of their implications for current debates between modernists and postmodernists, liberals and communitarians, and multiculturalists and their critics.

### PREREQUISITES

Students are not required to have any specific familiarity with Latin America, with systematic or liberation theology, or with Marxian or other Western political philosophy, although such knowledge would be helpful.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The seminar will meet every Tuesday, from 12:00 noon to 2:50 p.m., and will be held in a combination lecture-discussion format. This requires that all required readings be completed **before** the dates on which they are to be discussed so that discussions can be wide-ranging and productive. The following items that have been ordered and are available for purchase from the University Bookstore:

Elaine Pagels, *Adam, Eve and the Serpent* (New York: Random House, 1988)  
Robert C. Tucker, *Marx-Engels Reader* (New York: W. W. Norton)

Recommended:

Phillip Berryman, *Liberation Theology: The Essential Facts about the Revolutionary Movement in Latin America and Beyond*, I. B. Tauris (paper)  
Jose Porfirio Miranda, *Being and the Messiah: The Message of St. John* (Wipf and Stock, 2006)  
Augustine of Hippo, trans. Henry Bettenson, *City of God* (Penguin Classics), ISBN 0-140-44894-2  
David J. O'Brien, Thomas A. Shannon, *Catholic Social Thought: The Documentary Heritage*, paperback, Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2010, ISBN 1-57075-891-1  
Austin Flannery, O.P., Gen. Ed., *Vatican Council II: The Basic Sixteen Documents*, Costello Publishing Co., Dominican Publications, ISBN 0-918344-37-9  
The NRSV Standard Bible, Harper One, 1989, ISBN 978-0-06-194651-6)<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the Bible that has been ordered are the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) (in English), but students are free to use whatever Bible they might happen have on hand (including Spanish, Korean, or other foreign language versions), provided that they include both the Old and New Testament (and ideally the Apocrypha). I have also posted a link to the NRSV (in English) online on our Groups site.

In case you would like to order the books in advance online, below are links to the texts where new or used copies may be ordered online:

Readings that are included in the reader available from University Readers<sup>2</sup> are required and are indicated with an (R); other availabilities are as indicated. All materials will also be available on reserve, including the reader. Electronic materials (internet articles) will be available on the Yahoo Group site for the class (see below). Readings listed as “Recommended” (see below under Grading) will be available through E-reserves only. The *Qurān* and the *Lotus Sutra*, the primary text of Mahayana Buddhism (the prevalent form of Buddhism in China and Japan)<sup>3</sup> will also be placed on Reserve at Geisel Library for those who wish to consult them.

Attendance is required at all class meetings,<sup>4</sup> and all students are expected to participate actively. In order to give us more opportunity to discuss the course material, I have created a group for the class on Yahoo Groups at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/libtheo2016://groups.yahoo.com/group/libtheo2014>. Please subscribe to the group by sending an email message from your preferred e-mail address (not necessarily your @ucsd.edu email address) to: <mailto:libtheo2016-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>. If you do not already have a Yahoo ID, you will want to establish one by logging onto our site and registering there. This will get you a free Yahoo e-mail account, which you are not obliged to use at all, but which means that you will have a Yahoo ID (what precedes the @ in the free e-mail address). You can access the group then by going directly to our group site and logging in there with your Yahoo ID and password. Then, you can click on “Edit my Membership” to specify another e-mail address that you consult more frequently, if you like. You are encouraged to begin taking advantage of this wonderful resource immediately, posting messages with questions, answering questions posted by other students, or just engaging in informal discussion of the course material online. As long as appropriate etiquette and standards of civility are observed in all online exchanges, the list will be un-moderated, so that your contributions can be posted immediately.

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<sup>2</sup> Readers will be available for purchase at <http://www.universityreaders.com/> the first week of class. University Readers can also be reached by telephone at 858.552.1120 and is located close to campus on Sorrento Valley Road.

<sup>3</sup> The Burton Watson translation of the Lotus Sutra is available online at the following URL: <http://buddhism.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http://www.sgi%2Dusa.org/buddhism/library/Buddhism/LotusSutra/>. This site also has links on basics of Buddhism, etc. *The Qurān* (English translation by A. Yusuf Ali) is available online at: <http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/muslim/quran/yali/>. I have also posted each link to our site, so you can go to the group site and click on it to go to the *Sutra* or *Qurān* from there. I have also requested to have placed on reserve at Geisel library both the Soothill translation of the Lotus Sutra (*The Lotus of the Wonderful Law*), and the English translation of the Qurān by Muhammad Asad, (*The Message of the Qurān*), which is highly praised for its clarity and poetic style..

<sup>4</sup> The exception to this rule is in case of illness. If you are ill, please do not come to class and expose others to your illness. When you have recovered, simply bring a doctor's note to verify your illness. If you anticipate missing class for some other reason, please notify the instructor in advance.

A short proposal for the final paper (5 pp.) will be due on Wednesday, Feb 17, at 12 noon via email to Dr. Hoston at [ghoston@ucsd.edu](mailto:ghoston@ucsd.edu)), and a final paper will be due on Saturday, March 19, 5:00 p.m. submitted via e-mail to Professor Hoston at [ghoston@ucsd.edu](mailto:ghoston@ucsd.edu). In both instances, the paper topics will be distributed in class and available online at our class website as well (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/libtheo2016>). Both papers will be thought pieces based solely on materials assigned for this course and class lectures. The final paper will give you the opportunity to select two or more of the cases of liberation theology that we have studied. Although all students must complete all the required readings, you should try to incorporate one or more of the recommended readings listed for the cases that you choose to treat in your final.

### **SCHEDULE OF READINGS AND LECTURE TOPICS**

**Week 1: (Jan 6) Course Introduction: Political Theory, Theology, and Ideology: An Analytical Framework**

**Required Readings:**

In *The Holy Bible* read and/or review:

- *Genesis*, chaps. 1-17 (18-27 optional), 28, 32-48, 50:15-26 (The Creation narratives, and the Covenant with Abraham that is the shared root of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam)
- The Gospel according to *Mark*
- *Romans* 4-5

The Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM), "Medellín Documents on Peace and Justice," esp. section "On Peace" (1968), online at:

<http://www.providence.edu/las/documents.htm#Medellín%20Conference>

**Recommended Readings for Students Desiring More Biblical Background:**

\*The Gospel according to *Luke*

\*1 *Samuel* chaps. (1-15), 16-24, 2 *Samuel* 7: 4-29 (The Covenant with David)

\**Isaiah* 9, 11

The Apostle's and Nicene Creeds (Available in "Files" Section at group site)

The Athanasian Creed (available online at:

<http://www.ccel.org/creeds/athanasian.creed.html>

### **PART I. THE POLITICAL THEORY OF ORTHODOX JUDAIC AND CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS**

**Week 2: (Jan 13) Paradigms, Paradigmatic Change, and the Development of Roman Catholic Orthodoxy on Church, Society, and Politics**

The Exodus as Model of Liberation and Revolution and

## The Reformation and the Hegelian Paradigm of History

### **Required Readings:**

Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, pp. 10-22 (Reader)

\*Marx on the History of His Opinions," and "The Manifesto of the Communist Party," in

\*Robert C. Tucker, *Marx-Engels Reader*

Pope Leo XIII, *Quod Apostolici Muneris* (Encyclical Letter, 28 December 1878) Online at:

[http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/leo\\_xiii/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_l-xiii\\_enc\\_28121878\\_quod-apostolici-muneris\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/leo_xiii/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_28121878_quod-apostolici-muneris_en.html)

Pope Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum* (15 May 1891) online at:

[http://www.osjspm.org/majordoc\\_rerum\\_novarum\\_official.aspx](http://www.osjspm.org/majordoc_rerum_novarum_official.aspx)

Pope Pius XI, *Quadregesimo Anno* (15 May 1931), §§2-4, 10-11, 27-30, 45-46, 49, 44, 48, 65-74, 83, 92-94, 110, 120, 125-126, 137 (online, at

[http://www.osjspm.org/majordoc\\_quadregesimo\\_anno\\_officialtext.aspx](http://www.osjspm.org/majordoc_quadregesimo_anno_officialtext.aspx))

*Centagesimus Annus* (Pope John Paul II's Encyclical Letter on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*) (May 1, 1991), §§6-24, (29-31), 33, last two paragraphs in §39, §49 (online

[http://www.osjspm.org/majordoc\\_centagesimus\\_annus\\_official\\_text.aspx](http://www.osjspm.org/majordoc_centagesimus_annus_official_text.aspx))

### **Also Read and/or Review:**

\**Exodus* 1-25

\**Daniel* chaps. 1-3

### **Recommended Readings:**

\**Hebrews* 8-11 (on the Old and New Covenants)

Levi A. Olan, "Theology of Jewish Liberation," *Judaism* 27.1 (Winter 1978): 25-32

Michael Walzer, *Exodus and Revolution* (New York: Basic Books, 1985)

Marc H. Ellis, *Toward a Jewish Theology of Liberation: The Uprising and the Future* (Maryknoll: Orbis, 1989)

Marc H. Ellis, *Beyond Innocence and Redemption: Confronting the Holocaust and Israeli Power* (Harper & Row, 1990)

Marc H. Ellis, "Critical Thought and Messianic Trust: Reflections on a Jewish Theology of Liberation," *Ecumenical Review* 42.1 (January 1990): 35-47 (e-reserves)

John R. Pottenger, *Reaping the Whirlwind: Liberal Democracy and the Religious Axis*, Religion and Politics Series (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2007), chap. 7

Werner G. Jeanrond, "From Resistance to Liberation Theology: German Theologians and the Non/Resistance to the National Socialist Regime," *Journal of Modern History*, 64, Supplement: Resistance Against the Third Reich (December 1992): S187-S203 Stable URL: <http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-2801%28199212%2964%3CS187%3AFRTLGTG%3E2.0.CO%3B2-P>

## **PT II. MODERNITY, POSTMODERNITY, AND THE EMERGENCE OF THEOLOGIES OF LIBERATION**

**Week 3: (Jan 20)** The Threefold Challenge of Marxism: The Critique of Religion, Capitalism, and the Capitalist State

**Required Readings:**

Miranda, "Christianity Is Communism," from José Porfirio Miranda, *Communism in the Bible* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1982), pp. 1-20, reprinted in Deane William Ferm, ed., *Third World Liberation Theologies: A Reader* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1986), (e-reserves)

Miranda, *Being and the Messiah*, chaps. 1-2, 4, 7, 9

**Review:**

"The German Ideology," "On the Jewish Question," "Contribution to Marx's Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right: Introduction," "On British Imperialism in India," "On Social Relations in Russia," all in \*Robert C. Tucker, *Marx-Engels Reader*

**Recommended Readings:**

Leonardo Boff, *Jesus Christ Liberator: A Critical Christology for Our Time* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1978), chaps. 1, 4, and Epilogue

Paulo, Freire, *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* (New York: Continuum, 1970)

John R. Pottenger, *Reaping the Whirlwind: Liberal Democracy and the Religious Axis, Religion and Politics Series* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2007), pt. II

José Porfirio Miranda, trans. John Eagleson, *Marx and the Bible: A Critique of the Philosophy of Oppression* (originally published as *Marx y la biblia, Crítica a la filosofía de la opresión*) (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1974), Prologue, Introduction, and chaps. 1-3, 5

José Porfirio Miranda, trans. John Drury, *Marx Against the Marxists: The Christian Humanism of Karl Marx* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1980)

José Porfirio Miranda, trans. Robert R. Barr, *Communism in the Bible* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1982)

Roger N. Lancaster, *Thanks to God and the Revolution: Popular Religion and Class Consciousness in the New Nicaragua* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1988), chap. 6 ("Marxism and Religion: A Critique")

José Míguez Bonino, *Christians and Marxists: The Mutual Challenge to Revolution* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976)

**Week 4: (Jan 27) The Crisis of 20th-Century Modernity and the Emergence of a New Theological Paradigm**

**Required Readings:**

Reinhold Niebuhr, "The Truth in Myths," pp. 15-31; "Theology and Political Thought in the Western World," pp. 55-66; and "The Spiritual Life of Modern Man," pp. 67-76 in *Faith and Politics* (Reader)

Schillebeeckx, *The Language of Faith*, chaps. 5, 6 (Reader)

Roberto Oliveras, "The History of the Theology of Liberation," (Chap. 1), and

Gustavo Gutierrez, "The Option for the Poor," (Chap. 12), both in Ignacio Ellacuría and Jon Sobrino, eds., *Mysterium Liberationis: Fundamental Concepts of Liberation Theology* (Reader)

### **Recommended Readings:**

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*, pp. 45-76
- Berryman, *Liberation Theology*, chaps. 1-2, 5-6, pp. 185-200
- Enrique Dussel, "Eurocentrism and Modernity (Introduction to the Frankfurt Lectures)", *boundary 2* 20:3 (1993): 65-76
- Enrique Dussel, *The Underside of Modernity: Apel, Ricoeur, Rorty, Taylor and the Philosophy of Liberation* (Humanity Books, 1996)
- Enrique D. Dussel, *Método Para Una Filosofía De La Liberación — Superación analéctica de la dialéctica hegeliana* (Salamanca: Ediciones Sígueme, 1974)
- Enrique D. Dussel, *The Invention of the Americas: Eclipse of "the Other" and the Myth of Modernity* (Continuum Intl Pub Group, 1995)
- Enrique Dussel, "'Sensibility' and 'Otherness' in Emmanuel Lévinas," *Philosophy Today*, vol. 43.2 (Summer 1999): 126-134
- Emmanuel Lévinas, *Totality and Infinity: An Essay on Exteriority* (Pittsburgh: Duquesne University Press, 1969)
- Emmanuel Lévinas, *Altérité et transcendance* [Alterity and transcendence]. Michael B. Smith, trans. (New York: Columbia University Press, 1999)
- Matthew Held, "The Historical Kierkegaard: Faith or Gnosis," *The Journal of Religion* 37.4 (October 1957): 260-266. (JSTOR)
- Gustavo Gutierrez, *A Theology of Liberation*, rev. ed. (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1988)
- Anselm Kyongsuk Min, "Toward a Dialectic of Totality and Infinity: Reflections on Emmanuel Levinas." *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 78, No. 4. (Oct., 1998): 571-592 (J-STOR)
- Peter Hebblethwaite, "Liberation Theology and the Roman Catholic Church," in *The Cambridge Companion to Liberation Theology*, ed. Christopher Rowland (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), pp. 209-228
- Raúl Fornet-Betancourt, *Interculturalidad y filosofía en América*, Aachen, Germany: Wissenschaftsverlag, 2003
- Raúl Fornet-Betancourt, *Transformaciones del marxismo : historia del marxismo en América Latina*, Mexico, D.V.: Plaza y Valdés Editores, 2001
- Raúl Fornet-Betancourt, ed., *Filosofía, teología, literatura : aportes cubanos en los últimos 50 años*, Aachen, Germany: Mainz, 1999
- Raúl Fornet-Betancourt, *Quo vadis, Philosophie? : Antworten der Philosophen : Dokumentation einer Weltumfrage*, Aachen: Mainz, 1999
- Raúl Fornet-Betancourt, *Hacia una filosofía intercultural latinoamericana*, San José, Costa Rica: Editorial Departamento Ecueménico de Investigaciones, 1994

### **Week 5 (Feb 3): An Alternative Ecclesiastical Paradigm in Comunidades de Base**

#### **Required Readings:**

- Carlos Torres, Charts entitled "Proposed Typology of Internal Tendencies of the Latin American Church" & "Ideological Tendencies in the Latin American Church" (Reader)

Marcello de C. Azevedo, "Basic Ecclesiastical Communities," in Ellacuría and Sobrino, eds., *Mysterium Liberationis* (Reader)  
Leonardo Boff, *Church: Charism and Power*, Chaps. 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10 (Reader and on Reserve at Geisel Library)

**Recommended Readings:**

- José Porfirio Miranda, trans. John Drury, *Marx Against the Marxists* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1980), chap. 9: "Marx's Thought as a Conscious Continuation of Early Christianity"
- Andrew Dawson, "The Origins and Character of the Base Ecclesial Community: A Brazilian Perspective," in *The Cambridge Companion to Liberation Theology*, ed. Christopher Rowland (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), pp. 139-158
- Hugo Assmann, "The Christian Contribution to Liberation in Latin America," in Deane William Ferm, *Third World Liberation Theologies: A Reader* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1986)
- Phillip Berryman, *Liberation Theology: Essential Facts about the Revolutionary Movement in Latin America* (Temple University Press, 1987), chaps. 3-4, 7
- Gustavo Gutierrez, *A Theology of Liberation*, rev. ed. (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1988)
- Roger N. Lancaster, *Thanks to God and the Revolution: Popular Religion and Class Consciousness in the New Nicaragua* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1988), chap. 3 ("Liberation Theology and the Spirit of Socialism in Nicaragua")
- Juan Luis Segundo, trans. John Dury, *Liberation of Theology* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1976), chaps. 1, 3, 5-7
- John Burdick, *Looking for God in Brazil: The Progressive Catholic Church in Urban Brazil's Religious Arena*. University of California Press: Berkeley/ Los Angeles/ London, 1993

**PART III: CROSSING BORDERS, CONTESTING FRONTIERS: CULTURE, ETHNICITY, GENDER, AND NON-JUDEO-CHRISTIAN THEOLOGIES OF LIBERATION**

**Week 6: Feb 10      PAPER PROPOSAL DUE AT BEGINNING OF CLASS**  
**Asian Theologies of Liberation**

**Required Readings:**

- Germaine A. Hoston, "A 'Theology' of Liberation?" in *Ideas Across Cultures*, eds. Cohen and Goldman), pp. 165-221 (and notes, pp. 340-364) (R)
- Deane William Ferm, "Outlining Rice-Roots Theology," URL: <http://www.religion-online.org/showarticle.asp?title=1367>
- C. S. Song, "The Cross and the Lotus," pp. 300-323, in Deane William Ferm, *Third World Liberation Theologies: A Reader* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1968) (Reader)
- Kim Yong-bok, "Messiah and Minjung: Discerning Messianic Politics over against Political Messianism," pp. 373-383, in Dean William Ferm, *Third World Liberation Theologies: A Reader* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1968) (Reader)
- Sebastian C. H. Kim, "The Problem of Poverty in Post-War Korean Christianity: Kibock Sinang or Minjung Theology?" *Transformation* 24.1 (January 2007): 43-50 (e-



reserves)

Paul S. Chung, "Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Asian Contextual Theology in relation to Minjung and Prajna of Inter-being," *Dialogue: A Journal of Theology* 45.1 (Spring 2006): 92-100 (e-reserves)

**Recommended:**

Paul Yunsik Chang, "Christianity and the Minjung Imaginary" (Internet document [http://www.hcs.harvard.edu/~yisei/issues/12\\_2.pdf](http://www.hcs.harvard.edu/~yisei/issues/12_2.pdf))

Jooseop Keum, "Church, Minjung, and State: The Revival of Protestant Christianity in North Korea," *Studies in World Christianity* 8.2 (2002) : 264-284

Kenneth M. Wells, ed., *South Korea's Minjung Movement: The Culture and Politics of Dissidence* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1995)

Bastiaan Wielenga, "Liberation Theology in Asia," in *The Cambridge Companion to Liberation Theology*, ed. Christopher Rowland (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), pp. 55-78

Commission on Theological Concerns of the Christian Conference in Asia, *Minjung Theology: People as the Subjects of History* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1983)

Choan-Seng Song, *Third-Eye Theology: Theology in Formation in Asian Settings*, rev. ed. (originally published 1979) (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1991)

C. S. Song, *The Compassionate God* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1982)

Hyun-Kyung Chung, *Struggle to be the Sun Again: Introducing Asian Women's Theology* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1990)

Koyama Kōsuke, *Water buffalo Theology* (London: S.C.M. Press, 1974)

David Kwang-sun Suh, *The Korean Minjung in Christ*, Commission on Theological Concerns of the Christian Conference of Asia, 1991

Fabella, Virginia and Lee Sun Ai Park, eds., *We Dare to Dream: Doing Theology as Asian Women* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1990)

Jung Young Lee, *An Emerging Theology in World Perspective: Commentary on Korean Minjung Theology* (Mystic, CT: Twenty-third Publications, 1988)

Kusuke Koyama, *Mount Fuji and Mount Sinai: A Critique of Idols* (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1984)

Aloysius Pieris, S. J. [Sri Lanka], *An Asian Theology of Liberation* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1988)

Masao Takenaka and Ron O'Grady, eds., *The Bible Through Asian Eyes* (Auckland, New Zealand : Pace Pub. in association with Asian Christian Art Association; Cincinnati, OH : Friendship Press [distributor], 1991) (available at Graduate Theological Union through Melvyl) (N8028 .B5 1991)

Paul S. Chung, Kim Kyoung-jae, and Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, eds., *Asian Contextual Theology for the Third Millennium: A Theology of Minjung in Fourth-Eye Formation*, Princeton Theological Monograph Series 70 (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2007)

Kazō Kitamori 北森嘉藏, *Kami no itami no shingaku* 神の痛みの神学[Theology of God's Pain] Tokyo: Kodansha, 1958, 1992

Kazoh Kitamori, *Theology of the Pain of God* (Richmond: Knox, 1965)

Thích Nhất Hạnh, [Zen Master] *Interbeing: Fourteen Guidelines for Engaged Buddhism*, 3d ed. (Berkeley, Calif. : Parallax Press, 1993)

Sulak Sivaraksa, *Seeds of Peace: A Buddhist Vision for Renewing Society* (Berkeley, CA:

Parallax Press, 1992)  
Christopher S. Queen and Sallie B. King, *Engaged Buddhism: Buddhist Liberation Movements in Asia* (Albany: State University of New York, 1996)  
David Burton, *Buddhism, Knowledge and Liberation : A Philosophical Study*, Ashgate World Philosophies Series (Aldershot, Hants, England ; Burlington, VT : Ashgate, 2004)

**Week 7: (Feb 17) The America – Africa Nexus: The Problem of Racism and the Twin Legacies of Colonialism and Slavery**

**May 15** “African Consciousness”, African Theologies of Liberation, and the Black Church in the United States

**Required Readings:**

James H. Cone, “The White Church and Black Power,” pp. 112-132, and Choan-Seng Song, “The Black Experience of the Exodus,” pp. 568-583, both in Gayraud S. Wilmore and James H. Cone, eds. *Black Theology: A Documentary History, 1966-1979* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1979) (Reader)  
Frantz Fanon, “On National Culture,” pp. 206-248, in *The Wretched of the Earth* (Reader)  
Allan Boesak, “Liberation Theology in South Africa,” pp. 265-271; and Allan Boesak, “Black and Reformed: Contradiction or Challenge?” pp. 272-284, both in Ferm, ed., *Third World Liberation Theologies: A Reader* (Reader)  
Justin S. Ukpong, “Current Theology: The Emergence of African Theologies,” *Theological Studies* 45.3 (September 1984): 501-536. Stable URL:  
[http://search.atlaonline.com/pls/eli/eli\\_bg.superframe?PID=n0040-5639\\_045\\_03\\_cov2a](http://search.atlaonline.com/pls/eli/eli_bg.superframe?PID=n0040-5639_045_03_cov2a)

**Recommended Readings:**

Alan Boesak, *Black and Reformed: Apartheid, Liberation, and the Calvinist Tradition* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1984)  
Alan Aubrey Boesak, *Comfort and Protest: Reflections on the Apocalypse of John of Patmos*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press. Edinburgh: Saint Andrew's Press, 1987  
Alan Boesak, *Farewell to Innocence: A Socio-Ethical Study on Black Theology and Power* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1977)  
Martin Luther King, Jr., James Washington, ed., *A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (San Francisco: Harper & Row)  
James H. Cone, “Black Theology and the Black Church: Where Do We Go From Here?” in Wilmore and Cone, eds., *Black Theology*, pp. 350-376  
Marjorie Hope and James Young, *The South African Churches in a Revolutionary Situation* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1981)  
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- Michael Budde, *The Two Churches*, chap. 3: "Anticapitalism and the Latin American Church," pp. 38-73 (R)
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