

302.715 History of Christianity: Reformation to Current Times Course Assessment and Delivery Outline

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NQF Level: 7, 15 credits

CONTENT OVERVIEW

Key individuals are in italics

Section A: Reformation Continued...

1. The Radical Reformation: The Anabaptists. *Menno Simons*
2. The Catholic Reformation: Trent, Papal Reform, New Orders, Mission. *Ignatius Loyola*
3. The Reformation in England and Scotland. English Puritanism. *Thomas Cranmer, John Knox, Oliver Cromwell*

Section B: The Church in a Revolutionary Age

1. New challenges to the Church in the Eighteenth Century: the Enlightenment and the French Revolution.
2. Renewal: Pietism, revivals, Methodists, Evangelicals, Tractarians. *John Wesley, George Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards.*
3. Attacks on religious authority: higher criticism, science and religion.
4. The Church and social change: the Clapham Sect, the Salvation Army, the Social Gospel. *William Wilberforce, William and Catherine Booth.*
5. Christianity in the USA: frontier religion, Revivalism, cults, Pentecostalism, fundamentalism, neo-evangelicalism. *Charles Finney, D.L. Moody.*

Section C: Global Christianity

1. Christianity becomes a world religion: main features of the missionary movement in the 19th and 20th centuries. *William Carey.*
2. Christianity in Africa & Asia
3. Christianity in New Zealand & the Pacific
4. Christianity in Europe: Church & State interaction. *Bonhoeffer*
5. Winds of Change: Ecumenism, The Vatican Councils

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES

1. Weekly Forum and Required Pre- Reading

Learning outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4
Due Date: Weekly prior to class for Weeks 2 – 12.
Weighting: (combined) 25%
Length: 250 words each

Required reading is outlined on pages 8-11 of this Assessment and Delivery Outline. Read the appropriate pages prior to class and write a reflective historical and contemporary response in the form of eleven forums on moodle on the suggested people/ events / movements.

- Entries should be about 250 (maximum) words.
- Record your reading as a title for each of your forums. Footnote or bracket any additional references.
- A final grade will be awarded at the end of the semester

Readings should be completed weekly prior to class.

Forum topics are outlined on pages 8-11 of this Assessment and Delivery Outline. Forums are to be completed fortnightly on even weeks

Nb. Your forum will be visible to other students.

Please see me if you have any questions about preparing your forum post.

Grading

One final grade will be awarded overall at the end of the semester. For this grade students need to have completed all 11 reading responses and passed at least 9. Forums not submitted before each class will be marked down one full grade for the first week, then receive a maximum C- for week two unless a special exemption on medical or compassionate grounds has been sought from either the Academic registrar or myself. Forums submitted over two weeks late without an approved extension will be automatically failed as per normal academic procedures.

Assessment Criteria:

- Discerning interaction with required reading
- Depth of understanding of key points/ Issues
- Critical reflection and/or application in light of history
- Critical judgement, valid conclusions
- Clarity

2. Essay

Learning outcomes: 1, 3, 4, 5
Due Date: Sunday, 3rd May 2015
Weighting: 25%
Length: 2000 words

In preparation for your essay, consult some primary sources where possible plus at least six books or articles. Essays should aim to offer a critical evaluation of one of the statements below.

Essay Topics: Choose one of the following:

1. 'For nineteenth century evangelicals social action and preaching the gospel were closely linked.' (Hil, *The New Lion Handbook*, 352) Discuss with specific reference to at least two major social issues during this period.
2. 'The basic doctrines of Christianity, although essential, needed to be rethought in light of the new, modern worldview in order to regain their relevance and moral authority.' (Hil, *The New Lion Handbook*, 361) Discuss in relation to the work of eighteenth and nineteenth Century German thinkers and critics on Christian faith.

3. 'Revivals were a catalyst not only for individual spiritual renewal and commitment, but also for collective acceptance of profound changes in the social order.' (Wolfe, *Expansion of Evangelicalism*, 90) Discuss in relation to the nineteenth century revivals with particular attention to the work of Finney and Moody.
4. 'Missionary activity was doomed to failure unless civilization had first paved the way for the gospel.' (Brian Stanley, *Christian Missions and the Enlightenment*, 184) Discuss in relation to the establishment of Christianity in one non-western country.
6. 'Pentecostals endeavoured to displace dead forms and confessions and wild fanaticism with living practical Christianity.' (adapted from *Apostolic Faith*, 1906) Discuss in relation to the distinctive features of early Pentecostalism and developments within Christianity in general during this period.
7. 'From the merely human point of view, [sending out Maoris to evangelise their own people, armed with the ability to read, and with copies of the New Testament] was the key, more than any other factor, which achieved the evangelisation of the Maori race.' (Evans and McKenzie, *Evangelical Revivals*, 23) Discuss in relation to nineteenth century mission to Maori.

Assessment Criteria:

- Coverage and depth of understanding of relevant content
- Synthesis of ideas and development of argument
- Critical reflection and evaluation
- Breadth and critical interaction with an appropriate range of primary & secondary sources
- Communication and Presentation: Structure, clarity, format, spelling, grammar
- Referencing, Bibliography

3. Exam

Learning outcomes: 1, 2, 4
 Due Date: To be confirmed. During Semester 2 exam week.
 Weighting: 50%
 Length: 2.5 hours, four essay-type questions

For the exam, it is not necessary to know every topic in depth. However, two thirds of the topics should be studied reasonably thoroughly. Candidates will be required to answer FOUR questions, At least ONE from each of Sections A, B and C. Questions will be set on at least seven of the thirteen topics in the Subject Outline. All students will be expected to demonstrate a solid background of reading and reflection.

Assessment Criteria

- Answer directed to the question
- Coverage of main points
- Depth of treatment
- Critical judgement
- Coherence and presentation

LEARNING HOURS

Lectures	36
Required Reading, reflection & Weekly Forum	45
Essay	45
Additional Reading & Exam preparation	<u>24</u>
Total:	150

TEXTBOOK

Required text

Gonzales, J.L. *The Story of Christianity. Vol.2: The Reformation to the Present Day*, Rev Edition. New York: HarperCollins, 2010.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Use at least six books or articles in preparation for your essay. Include some primary sources where possible.

Key texts

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Hill, Jonathan. *The New Lion Handbook: The History of Christianity*, 2nd ed. Oxford: Lion Hudson, 2007.

Noll, Mark A. *Turning Points. Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*. Grand Rapids: Baker/Leicester: IVP, 1997.

Shelley, Bruce, *Church History in Plain Language*. Word, 1982.

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Recommended reading

General (select the sections relevant to each topic)

Balling, Jakob. *The story of Christianity: From Birth to Global Presence*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.

Barracough, G. (ed.). *The Christian World: A Social and Cultural History*. London: Thames and Hudson, 1981.

Chidester, David. *Christianity: A Global History*. San Francisco: Harper San Francisco, 2000.

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- Mullett, Michael. *The Catholic Reformation*. New York: Routledge, 1999.
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- Pettegree, Andrew (ed). *The Reformation World*. New York: Routledge, 2000.
- Po-Chia Hsia, R (ed). *Christianity: Reform and Expansion 1500-1660*. (Cambridge History of Christianity; 6). Cambridge: Cambridge University, 2007.

Modern

- Anderson, Allan. *An Introduction to Pentecostalism: Global Charismatic Christianity*. Cambridge: Cambridge University, 2004.
- Bednarowski, Mary Farrell (ed). *Twentieth Century Global Christianity*. (A People's History of Christianity; 7). Minneapolis: Fortress, 2008.
- Brown, S & Tackett, T (eds). *Enlightenment, Reawakening and Revolution 1660-1850* (Cambridge History of Christianity; 7). Cambridge: Cambridge University, 2006.
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- Gonzalez, O.E. *Christianity in Latin America: A History*. Cambridge: Cambridge University, 2008.
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The Web – Recommended Sites

www.christianitytoday.com/ch

Denominational or organisational parent sites

Google Scholar

Google e-books

REQUIRED PRE-READING AND FORUM TOPICS

All required readings are from:

Gonzalez, Justo.L. *The Story of Christianity. Vol.2: The Reformation to the Present Day*. New York: HarperCollins, 2010.

Unless otherwise stated.

Topics 1 & 2

(complete forum prior to class – week 2)

1. The Radical Reformation

Required Reading

Gonzalez *Story of Christianity. Chapter 6*


2. The Catholic Reformation

Required Reading

Gonzalez *Story of Christianity. Chapter 12*

Recommended Reading

Gonzalez *A History of Christian Thought, 178-225* ~ on the theology of the Catholic Reformation

 What core affirmations at the Council of Trent ensured that Catholicism stood apart from Protestantism for the next four centuries? Explain why then offer a brief response to one of these from a protestant perspective.

Topic 3: The English Reformation

(complete forum prior to class – week 3)


Required Reading

Gonzalez *Story of Christianity. Chapters 8 & 18*

Recommended Reading

Noll *Turning Points, Chapter 8*

Hill *History of Christianity, pages 256 – 273* “The Church of England”

 Choose one of the sixteenth century monarchs... what key factors shaped their approach to the reformation? To what extent do you think their stance inevitable?

Topic 4: New Challenges

(complete forum prior to class – week 4)


Required Reading

Gonzalez *Story of Christianity. Chapter 22 & 28 (to page 359)*

Recommended Reading

Noll *Turning Points, pages 245 – 258*

Hill *History of Christianity, pages 312 – 324* “Faith and Reason”

 Rationalism is thought to have contributed to the demise of European Christendom – Describe two factors that may have contributed to this idea. What role does reason play in your faith?

Topic 5: Renewal

(complete forum prior to class – week 5)


Required Reading

Gonzalez *Story of Christianity. Chapter 23, 24 & pages 288-90*

Recommended Reading

Shelley Chapters 33 – 35

Noll *Turning Points*, Chapter 10

 In light of Gonzalez’s description of the Pietists & evangelicals (e.g., Wesley, Whitefield) – briefly describe what you see as one of their most significant contributions to renewal in the 18th Century. In what areas does Christianity in New Zealand need renewal today?

Topic 6: Attacks on Religious Authority

(complete forum prior to class – week 6)

Required Reading

Gonzalez *Story of Christianity. Chapter 31*


Hill *History of Christianity*, pages 353-365 “Romanticism”

Recommended Reading

Shelley *Church History in Plain Language*, Chapter 40

Noll *Turning Points*, pages 258-267

Olson *The Story of Christian Theology* Chapter 32-33

 Explain Kierkegaard’s idea of cheap Christianity? To what extent do you agree with his thesis regarding the nature of ‘true Christianity’?

Topic 7: The Church and Social Change


(complete forum prior to class – week 7)

Required Reading

Hill *History of Christianity*, pages 347 - 353 “The Social Challenge”

Recommended Reading

Shelley *Church History in Plain Language*, Chapters 37 & 41

 What factors shaped the 19th C Christian response to social issues? Where do you see social challenges (which may warrant addressing by the church) emerging in NZ today? (describe at least one example)

Topic 8: Christianity in USA

(complete forum prior to class – week 8)


Required Reading

Gonzalez *Story of Christianity. Chapter 27 & 36*

Recommended Reading

Hill *History of Christianity*, pages 442 - 459 “Protestants and Catholics in the USA”

Shelley *Church History in Plain Language*, Chapter 43

 Locate historically then comment on the potential merits or pitfalls of:

- Either...the approach to preaching & preachers utilised by Baptists & Methodists on the frontier (p327-8)
- Or... the two positions held by the black churches in response to the issue of slavery (p355-6)


Topics 9 & 10: Christianity Becomes a World Religion/ Christianity in Asia & Africa (complete forum prior to class – week 9)

Required Reading

Noll, *Turning Points*, Chapter 12
Gonzalez *Story of Christianity. Chapter 33*

Recommended Reading

Hill *History of Christianity*, Chapter 13 & 16

 Describe one example of mission that illustrates to you the interplay between “Christianity, commerce and civilization.” (Noll, 280) What, in your view, were the strengths and pitfalls of this approach?


Topic 11: Christianity in New Zealand & the Pacific (complete forum prior to class – week 10)

Required Reading

“Henry Williams - Missionary Leader”
“Pompallier - Priest of God”

Recommended Reading

Davidson *Christianity in Aotearoa* Chapters 2 & 3
McKenzie *Evangelical Revivals in New Zealand* Chapter 1

 Compare one aspect of Williams & Pompallier’s leadership (either personal or strategic) and comment its relative impact on the establishment &/or spread of Christianity in New Zealand. What principle(s) could we glean that may assist us in the current task of mission (either local or global)?


Topic 12: Christianity in Europe (complete forum prior to class – week 11)

Required Reading

Hill *History of Christianity*, pages 410 – 421 “A changing Eastern Europe”

Recommended Reading

Gonzalez *Story of Christianity. Chapter 35*

 Based on the reading from Hill... What theological issues emerged as important during and immediately following WW2? In light of Bonhoeffer’s struggle with his own conscience when, in your view, does dissent become legitimate?


Topic 13: Winds of Change (complete forum prior to class – week 12)

Required Reading

Gonzalez *Story of Christianity. Chapter 34 & 37*
Shelley *Church History in Plain Language*, Chapter 44

Recommended Reading

Hill *History of Christianity*, pages 434 – 437 “Bones and Councils” and “The Ecumenical Movement”

 Comment on the basis for unity held by the various streams which merged to form the World Council of Churches (WCC). Do you agree with the conservative evangelical view that lack of a doctrinal basis and commitment to evangelism places the WCC in danger of supporting humanistic goals for society rather than a distinctively Christian witness (Shelley, 448)?