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PH 610
SYSTEMATIC APOLOGETICS
FALL 2001
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OBJECTIVES

Students completing this course will

1. gain a fuller understanding of why Christian orthodoxy is the most amazing, beautiful and exciting message ever to hit this planet:
2. gain a stronger sense of why this amazing message is intellectually satisfying; and
3. gain skill and confidence in articulating and defending the truth claims of this message.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Since this is primarily a seminar course, it is required of all students to read assignments before class and come prepared to make significant contributions to the discussion.
“AS IRON SHARPENS IRON, SO ONE MAN SHAPENS ANOTHER” (Proverbs 27:17).
2. A twenty page paper on “Why I Believe the Christian Faith” will be due between the last day of regular class and the following Monday. Before writing the paper, you must interview at least five different people who do not believe as to why they do not accept Christianity.

TEXTS

1. James Sire, The Universe Next Door.
2. Thomas V. Morris, Making Sense Of It All.
3. Blaise Pascal, Pensees.
4. G.K. Chesterton, Orthodoxy.
5. Burson and Walls, C.S. Lewis and Francis Schaeffer.
6. Reading Packet

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS

September 4	Introduction	
6	<u>The Universe Next Door</u>	9-51
11		53-93
13		95-135
18		137-179
20		173-200
25	Fish, Neuhaus, Jensen: Reading Packet	
27	<u>Making Sense Of It All Pensees</u>	176, 427-429 (begin 427 on p. 155, last paragraph), 434, 198, 68, 165-6, 414, 133-4, 136-9, 70, 478, 620
October 2	<u>Making Sense Of It All Pensees</u>	47-83; 21, 28, 44-5, 48, 131 (just pp.62-64), 520-1, 651, 660, 199, 406
4	<u>Making Sense Of It All Pensees</u>	85-108; 429, 149, 225, 228, 232, 234, 237, 239, 242, 244, 378, 427 (first two paragraphs), 393-4, 44-9, 471-2, 739, 781, pp. 358-9 (nos, 13-14)
9	<u>Making Sense Of It All Pensees</u>	109-127; 387, 418 (key), 419, 98-9, 577, 692, 293, 326, 535, 5398, 630, 814, 816, 820-1, 692, 917
11	<u>Making Sense Of It All Pensees</u>	129-144; 16, 42, 47, 68, 112-8, 106, 121-2, 130, pp.65-6, p 77, 198-202, 205, 208, 210, 212, 352, 354, 397-405, 430, 442, 449 (pp. 167-170), 468, 470-1, 620, 681, 695, 756, 759, 358, 685, 687
16	<u>Making Sense Of It All Pensees</u>	145-182; (Perpetuity) 280-1, 284, 338, 433, 447, 451; (Anthropology) 215, 242, p. 168 (last paragraph), 477, 595, 613; (Bible) 316, 452, 481, 812, 822; (Prophecy) 326, 332, 335; (Jews) 502, 592-3

18	<u>Making Sense Of It All</u> <u>Pensees</u> <u>Making Sense Of It All</u> <u>Pensees</u>	183-194; 423-4, 975, 489 (p. 196, 3 rd par. from bottom to first par. on p.197), 110, 155, 139 (last line), 739, 781, 298, 835, 308, p. 329, note 65. 195 212; 289, 362, 797, 801, 46, 197, 351, 357, 368, 372-4, 378, <u>396</u> , <u>421</u> , 413, 426, 450, 460, 475, 564, 597, 617-8, 656, 668, 673, 688, 792, 795-6, 802, 805-6, 931, 978
23	Davis: Reading Packet	VI-42
25		43-68
30		69-84; 169-190
November 1	<u>Orthodoxy</u>	1-45
6		46-80
8		81-123
13		124-160
15	<u>C.S. Lewis and</u> <u>Francis Schaeffer</u>	10-43; 113-138
November 19-23	READING WEEK	Remember, you have a paper due VERY soon
26		140-183
29		183-234
December 4		234-272
7	Walls—Reading Packet	