

Course Reader (CR)

1. Ralph T. H. Griffith, trans., *The Hymns of the Rgveda* (Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1973) 206, 633-4.
2. Shree Purohit Swami and W. B. Yeats, trans., *The Ten Principal Upanishads* (Calcutta: Rupa, 1992) 90-92.
3. Joseph Campbell, *Oriental Mythology - The Masks of God* (NY: Penguin, 1991) 343-364.
4. Peter Harvey, *An Introduction to Buddhism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990) 9-26.
5. Jay Garfield, trans., *The Fundamental Wisdom of the Middle Way: Nagarjuna's Mulamadhyamakakarika* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995), 293-307.
6. Mark Unno, "Key Ideas: Nagarjuna" and "Key Ideas: Philosophical Schools."
7. Robert A. F. Thurman, trans., *The Holy Teaching of Vimalakirti* (University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1987) 56-63.
8. Taitetsu Unno, "Philosophical Schools-San-lun, T'ien-t'ai, and Hua-yen," in *Buddhist Spirituality*, ed. by Takeuchi Yoshinori (New York: Crossroad, 1995) 343-365.
9. Burton Watson, trans., *Zhuangzi: Basic Writing* (New York: Columbia Univ Press, 1993), 1-7, 31-41, 44, 61-62, 114-117, 128-129.
10. Heinrich Dumoulin, *Zen Buddhism: A History-India and China* (New York: Macmillan Publishing, 1988) 85-94.
11. Hayao KAWAI, "Japanese Mythology: Balancing the Gods," in his *Dreams, Myths and Fairy Tales in Japan* (Daimon, 1995) 67-97.
12. Mark Unno, "Key Terms - Philosophical Terms in the Zen Buddhist Thought of Dogen."
13. Norman Waddell and Masao Abe, trans., "Shobogenzo Genjokoan," by Dogen Kigen, *The Eastern Buddhist* 5:2 (10/1972) 129-140.
14. Mark Unno, "Key Terms - Pure Land Buddhism and the Philosophy of Honen and Shinran."
15. Mark Unno, "The Nembutsu as the Teaching of No-teaching: The Natural Unfolding of Compassion-Wisdom," *The Pure Land* 6 (1989) 45-65,
16. Nishitani Keiji, "Ikebana," *Kyoto Journal* 4 (Fall 1987) 33-35.
17. Paula Arai, "Soto Zen Nuns in Modern Japan: Keeping and Creating Tradition," *Bulletin of the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture* 14 (Summer 1990) 38-51.
18. The Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso), *A Policy of Kindness* (Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion, 1990) 33-59.
19. Mu Soeng Sunim. *Thousand Peaks: Korean Zen-Tradition & Teachers*. Berkeley: Parallax Press, 1987. 28-48, 191-314.

REL 101 World Religions of Asia - Class schedule

Read assigned texts by the class meeting date indicated.

(CR: Course Reader; CR 1 = Course Reader Selection No. 1; RT: Required Text)

Week 1 - Introduction; Hindiusm

9/24 Mon. Introduction: Syllabus; Definitions of "Religion."

9/26 Wed. The Geography of Asian Religions; Vedic Religion. Read: *Hymns of the Rgveda*, CR1

9/28 Fri. Vedic Religion and Brahmanism. Read: *Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita*, pp. 63-64 (RT).

Week 2 - Indian Religion: Bhagavad Gita; Early Indian Buddhism

10/1 Mon. L. Patton, trans., *Bhagavad Gita*, RT. (focus pages: vii-xxiv, 16-48, 70-100, 145-162).

10/3 Wed. *Bhagavad Gita* (cont.), Dance of Krishna and Gopis. Read: J. Campbell, *Oriental Mythology*, CR 3.

10/5 Fri. Early Indian Buddhism I - Shakyamuni Buddha - Peter Harvey, *Introduction to Buddhism*, CR 4.

Week 3 – Early Indian Buddhism, Mahayana Buddhism

10/8 Mon. Early Indian Buddhism II - Nikaya Buddhism - Key concepts and historical background

10/10 Wed. Indian Mahayana Buddhism: Nagarjuna and the Two-fold Truth. Read: Jay Garfield, *The Fundamental Wisdom of the Middle Way*; "Key Ideas: Nagarjuna and the Thought of Emptiness," CR 5, 6.

Bodhisattva ideal. Read: *The Holy Teaching of Vimalakirti*, CR 7.

10/12 Fri. Chinese Buddhism, "The Philosophical Schools."

Short paper I due in class.

Read: "Key Ideas: Taitetsu Unno, 'Philosophical Schools'," T. Unno, "Chinese Philosophical Schools," CR 6, 8.

Week 4 - Ancient China I: Confucianism

10/15 Mon. The World of the Sage Kings. Read: Fingarette, *Confucius: The Secular as Sacred*, vii-xi, 1-56 RT.

10/17 Wed. Confucius and the world of ritual action. Read: Fingarette, *Confucius*, 57-81 RT.

10/19 Fri. Short exam A in class.

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Week 5 - Ancient China II: Daoism (Taoism): Laozi (Lao Tzu) and Zhuangzi (Chuang Tzu)

10/22 Mon. Laozi (Lao Tzu) - The Way: Read: *Lao Tzu: Tao Te Ching (Daodejing)*, vii-xviii, 5-42 (Book One) RT.

10/24 Wed. Laozi & Zhuangzi - Read: *Lao Tzu: Tao Te Ching*, 45-88 (Book Two) RT. *Zhuangzi*, 1-7, 31-41, 44 CR 9.

10/26 Fri. Zhuangzi: Read: *Zhuangzi*, 61-62, 114-117, 128-129 CR 9

Week 6 - Medieval China: Early Chan/Zen; Medieval Korea: Unified Silla Period; Early Japan

10/29 Mon. Bodhidharma and Zen Buddhism. Read: Dumoulin, *Zen Buddhism*, CR 10. Short paper II due in class.

10/31 Wed. Korean Buddhists: Chajang, Uisang, and Wonhyo. Read: *Thousand Peaks*, pp. 28-38, CR 19.

11/2 Fri. The way of the *kami* - gods and goddesses. Read: Kawai, "Japanese Mythology," CR 11.

Week 7 - Medieval Japan I: Dogen and Zen Buddhism;

11/5 Mon. Dogen and Zen Buddhism.

Read: M. Unno, "Philosophical Terms in the Zen Buddhist Thought of Dogen," "Shobogenzo Genjokoan," CR 12, 13.

11/7 Wed. Dogen and Zen Buddhism (continued).

11/9 Fri. Shinran and Shin Buddhism. Read: Unno, "Key Terms - Pure Land Buddhism," CR 14.

Short paper III due in class.

Week 8 - Medieval Japan II: Shinran and Shin Buddhism; Modern Tibet: XIVth Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso

11/12 Mon. Shinran and Shin Buddhism.

Read: Taitetsu Unno, *Tannisho*, Foreword, 4-9, 14 (web site syllabus PDF link); M. Unno, "The Nembutsu of No-Meaning," 45-65 CR 15.

11/14 Wed. The XIVth Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso

Read: Dalai Lama, *A Policy of Kindness*, CR 18, 33-59.

11/16 Fri.

Short exam B in class.

Week 9 - Modern Vietnamese Buddhism

11/19 Mon. Thich Nhat Hanh. Read: *Being Peace*, 1-44 RT.

11/21 Wed. Thich Nhat Hanh. Read: *Being Peace*, 45-90 RT.

11/23 Fri. (Thanksgiving Break)

Week 10 - Modern Manifestations: Japanese and Korean

11/26 Mon. Soto Zen Nuns. Read: Nishitani, "Ikebana," Paula Arai, "Soto Zen Nuns," CR 16, 17.

11/28 Wed. Seung Sahn. Read: *Thousand Peaks*, 191-314, CR 19.

11/30 Fri. Final Lecture.

Final papers due in class.