HISTORY 211: Ancient Societies of the World

Semester II, 1983-84

Mr. Clover

Meeting time: 11:00-11:50
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

THE AGE OF WISDOM

The present generation has witnessed the end of the notion that the Near East and the Mediterranean Basin alone constituted the Ancient World. Discoveries in China, India and other places have brought to view many geneses of civilization. This course is more restricted than the timetable's title suggests. Students will examine the growth of civilization between the Mediterranean and China, and then consider what the philosopher Karl Jaspers called the Axial Age, the decades near the close of the sixth century B.C. which produced Confucius, the Buddha, the later Hebrew Prophets and the numerous reformers of Archaic Greece. The course will conclude with the junctures of Eurasian Civilization after the Age of Wisdom (a more accurate characterization than that of Karl Jaspers).
REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:
1. Author: William McNeill Title: THE RISE OF THE WEST
   Publisher: University of Chicago Press--Phoenix Paperback P 385
2. Author: F. W. Mote Title: INTELLECTUAL FOUNDATIONS OF CHINA
   Publisher: Knopf Paperback
3. Author: Romila Thapar Title: HISTORY OF INDIA, Vol. I
   Publisher: Viking-Penguin--Pelican Paperback
4. Author: William F. Albright Title: BIBLICAL PERIOD FROM ABRAHAM TO EZRA
   Publisher: Harper and Row Torchbook TB 102
5. Author: Richmond Lattimore Title: GREEK LYRICS
   Publisher: University of Chicago Press--Phoenix Paperback P 48
6. Author: E. R. Dodds Title: THE GREEKS AND THE IRRATIONAL
   Publisher: University of California Press--CAL Paperback no. 74

OPTIONAL TEXTBOOKS:
7. Author: William T. de Bary Title: SOURCES OF CHINESE TRADITION, Vol. I
   Publisher: Columbia University Press Paperback
8. Title: JERUSALEM BIBLE--READER'S EDITION
   Publisher: Doubleday Paperback
9. Author: W. McNeill & J. Sedill Title: CLASSICAL INDIA
    Publisher: Oxford University Press Paperback
10. Author: Raphael Sealey Title: HISTORY OF THE GREEK STATES, 700-338 B.C.
    Publisher: Univ. of California Press--CAMPUS paperback no. 165
THE HONORS SECTION

Students who take the course for honors credit will join a discussion section which will meet one additional hour each week. The topic of discussion will be the Age of Wisdom, the center of the course at large. Members of the group will at first meet individually with the instructor. From these individual meetings will come a term paper topic. In the latter half of the semester each participant in the honors section will present a report on his or her term paper topic during one of the discussion hours. In addition, each student will submit a written version of the term paper in two drafts. The first draft is due on Friday of the ninth week of the term. The instructor will return this draft with criticisms and suggestions, and each student will hand in a revised second draft at semester's end.
TENTATIVE ROSTER OF GUEST LECTURERS

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