

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
Semester II, 1994

History 318

The Social and Intellectual History
of Medieval Europe: 1150-1450

Mr. Courtenay

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- F. Copleston, A History of Philosophy, Vol. II, pts. 1 and 2 (Image)
F. Copleston, A History of Philosophy, Vol. III, pt. 1 (Image)
F. Heer, The Medieval World (Mentor)
N. Cohn, The Pursuit of the Millennium (Oxford)
J. Huizinga, The Waning of the Middle Ages (Anchor)
J. Morrall, Political Thought in Medieval Times (Toronto)

A few additional readings have been placed on reserve at the library. Students will be directed to these at the appropriate time in the course.

RECOMMENDED ONLY:

- J. Baldwin, The Scholastic Culture of the Middle Ages: 100-1300 (Heath)
W.A. Pantin, The English Church in the Fourteenth Century (Toronto)

In the course of the semester bibliographies will be distributed containing works of general interest, translated source material, secondary works in French and German, and secondary works in English of a more specialized nature. Students taking the course for four courses are expected to do one research paper (8-15 pages) during the semester on a topic selected by them and approved by the instructor. Those papers should be handed in no later than April 10. There will be two one-hour examinations in addition to the final examination.

LECTURES AND READINGS:

A. Religious Renewal and the Quest for Order: 1150-1270

Readings: Heer, chs. 1-9, 16; Cohn, chs. 1-5; Copleston, Vol. II, ch. 18; Morrall chs. 4-5.

Lectures:

- Jan. 25: Course Introduction
Jan. 22: Urban Life and Lay Society in the 12 and 13th Centuries
Feb. 1: Lay Piety and the Evangelical Awakening
Feb. 3: Religious Dissent and Social Change
Feb. 8: The Church's Response: Reform, Control, and Repression
Feb. 10: The Universities of Paris and Oxford
Feb. 15: The University of Bologna and the Growth of Law
Feb. 17: An Age of Reason: Structuralism in Gothic Architecture and Scholasticism
Feb. 22: Naturalism, Realism, and the Human Form

B. The Impact of Aristotle on Medieval Thought: 1150-1270

Readings: Heer, chs. 10-12; Copleston, Vol. II, chs. 19-41, 43; Morrall, ch. 6.

Lectures:

Feb. 24: The Confrontation of Greek Thought and Religious Revelation
Mar. 1: Aristotle in Arabic and Jewish Thought
Mar. 3: From Humanism to Scholasticism: Recovery of Aristotle in the West
Mar. 8: Aristotle's Universe and the Rise of Medieval Science
Mar. 10: Christianization of Aristotle
Mar. 15: Apologetic and Scientific Theology: Aquinas & Lull
Mar. 17: Salvation and Ethics in 13th-Century Thought
Mar. 22: Latin Averroism and the Condemnations of 1277
Mar. 24: Midterm examination

C. The Augustinian Reaction: 1270-1350

Readings: Copleston, Vol. II, chs. 42-50; Vol. III, chs. 1-11; Morrall, chs. 7-8.

Lectures:

April 5: The Augustinian Reaction
April 7: Augustinian Reaction in Political Thought
April 12: Empiricism & Epistemology
April 14: NO CLASS
April 19: William of Ockham
April 21: Oxford & Parisian Thought after Ockham
April 26: Language and Science in the 14th Century

D. Social Protest and Religious Change: 1350-1450

Readings: Heer, chs. 13-15; Copleston, Vol. III, ch. 12; Huizinga; Cohn, chs. 6-12.

Lectures:

April 28: Economy and Society, 1270-1450
May 3: Aristocratic Society in the Late Middle Ages
May 5: Attitudes toward Death in Late Medieval Society
May 10: Civic Piety and Late medieval Mysticism
May 12: Peasant and Urban Unrest

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Books on Reserve Useful in History 318

- Cohn, N. The Pursuit of the Millennium
- Copleston, F. A History of Philosophy (3 copies)
- Courtenay, W. "The Critique on Natural Causality in the Mutakallimun and Nominalism" (3 copies)
- Courtenay, W. "Nominalism and Late Medieval Religion" (3 copies)
- Courtenay, W. "Token Coinage and the Administration of Poor Relief during the Late Middle Ages" (2 copies)
- Crombie, A. Medieval and Early Modern Science
- Heer, F. The Medieval World
- Hilton, R. The English Rising of 1381 (1 copy)
- Hoyt, R. Europe in the Middle Ages (3 copies)
- Huizinga, The Waning of the Middle Ages (18 copies)
- Male, E. The Gothic Image
- Morrall, J. Political Thought in Medieval Times (3 copies)
- Oberman, H. The Harvest of Medieval Theology (9 copies)
- Panofsky, E. Gothic Architecture and Scholasticism (9 copies)
- Shapiro, H. Medieval Philosophy (6 copies)
- Strayer, J. The Albigensian Crusades (1 copy)
- Thrupp, S. Change in Medieval Society (5 copies)
- Université de Paris, Conference de Recherches sur les Pauvres et la Pauvreté
(2 volumes; 1 copy each)
- Wakefield, W. Heresies of the High Middle Ages (5 copies)