

History 202
Mr. Dickey
Fall 1991

Abbreviated Syllabus

Introduction:

- A. Requirements and Course Mechanics
- B. Course Overview

Part One. Basic Principles of Social and Political Theory

- A. Plato
- B. Aristotle

Part Two. Primitivism and the Civilizing Process: Progress and the Wisdom-of-not-Wanting

- A. Epicurus
- B. Lucretius
- C. Seneca

Part Three. Theology and the Logos before Augustine

- A. Plato
- B. Philo of Alexandria
- C. Continuity and Change in the Biblical Conception of
History
- D. Clement and Alexandrian Christianity

Part Four. Theocentric, Egocentric, and Anthropocentric Religion

- A. Augustine, Pelagius, and Beyond

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Required Texts

A. Primary Sources:

Plato, The Republic, A. Bloom, trans. (Basic)
Aristotle, The Politics, E. Barker, trans. (Oxford)
Lucretius, The Nature of Things, F. Copley, trans. (Norton)
Seneca, Letters from a Stoic, R. Campbell, trans. (Penguin)
Clement, Clement of Alexandria, G. Butterworth, trans.
(Loeb)

[During the semester selections from the work of some Greek primitivists, Epicurus, Philo of Alexandria, and the Bible (King James) will be made available to students in xerox form.]

B. Secondary Sources:

Popper, K., The Open Society and its Enemies, v. 1. ()
Jaeger, W., Early Christianity and Greek Paideia, (Harvard)
Nygren, A., Agape and Eros, P. Watson, trans. (Chicago)
Brown, P., Augustine of Hippo, (California)

[During the semester several important essays on topics of special relevance to the course will be made available to students in xerox form (e.g., A. O. Lovejoy on Primitivism). Students may wish to consult these essays (as well as the works on the reserve list) in order to add substance and perspective to their written work in the course.]