

**THEO 610: "WHAT IS MAN?":  
KEY THEMES IN THE THEOLOGY OF BEING HUMAN**

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June 2-6, 2014  
8:00-11:00 am  
1 or 2 graduate credit hours



Please Note: The Course Information Sheet is meant to assist in selecting courses.  
The official syllabus should be consulted for more detailed information.  
Syllabi are available to Regent students at <http://www2.regent-college.edu/courses/login>

**Course Description**

Hamlet asked this question, as did the Psalmist long before him. This course will focus on key aspects of theological anthropology (the doctrine of humanity), including the constitution of humankind, our original state and the 'lapse' into sin, the bondage of the will, the sense in which humankind is and isn't free, human responsibility, the place of the emotions, the conflicts of the Christian life (including self-deception and temptation) and finally, what it means to be sinless. There is no book that covers this ground, and we shall be looking at treatments from Calvin to Jonathan Edwards. The texts will be considered in class.

**Class Outline**

Monday, June 2	Calvin on the nature of man: the understanding and the will
Tuesday, June 3	Faculty psychology; the Reformed Orthodoxy and Puritanism. Freedom and Indifference
Wednesday, June 4	The influence of John Locke
Thursday, June 5	Edwards on the understanding and will
Friday, June 6	Edwards on the affections/emotions

**Assignments**

1. Reading  
All students will read according to the class outline (available on full course syllabus).

Two-credit students will also read the following articles:

- Helm, Paul. "Jonathan Edwards and the Parting of Ways."
- Muller, Richard A. "Jonathan Edwards and the Absence of Free Choice: A Parting of Ways in the Reformed Tradition."

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2. Major Essay

One-credit students will write a 1,250 word essay on a topic of their choice (to be agreed with the Instructor). Two-credit students will write a 3,000 word essay on a topic of their choice (to be agreed with the Instructor).

Due: Monday, July 21, 2014

**Evaluation**

	1 cr hrs	2 cr hrs
Major Essay	100%	100%

**Required Reading**

Selections of the following are to be read according to the course outline (available on full syllabus).

All students are to read:

Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Trans. Henry Beveridge. Hendrickson Publishers, 2007. ISBN: 9781598561685.

Edwards, Jonathan. *Freedom of the Will*. Yale University Press, 2009. ISBN: 9780300158403.

Edwards, Jonathan, *Religious Affections*. Yale University Press, 2009. ISBN: 97808300158410.

Locke, John. *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*. Penguin Classics, 1998. ISBN: 9780140434828.

Turretin, Francis. *Institutes of Elenctic Theology*. Ed. by James T. Dennison. P&R Publishing, 2007. ISBN: 9780875524566.

Vermigli, Peter Martyr. *Philosophical Works*. Vol. 4 of the Peter Martyr Library. Ed. and trans. by Joseph McClelland. Truman State University Press, 2001. Out of print.

Two-credit students are also to read in their entirety:

Helm, Paul. "Jonathan Edwards and the Parting of Ways." (to be made available in class)

Muller, Richard A. "Jonathan Edwards and the Absence of Free Choice: A Parting of Wars in the Reformed Tradition." *Jonathan Edwards Studies* 1, no. 1 (2011): 3-22.

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Deadline for dropping the course with refund is 4:30 pm on June 2, 2014 (100% refund) or 4:30 pm on June 3, 2014 (75% refund). There is no refund of any tuition fees after the 75% refund deadline, but the course may be dropped, changed to audit, or reduced in credit hours up until 4:30 pm on June 6, 2014 (no refunds).