

Law and Religion

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Reading: First Two Weeks

Tues, Jan 19 The Nature of God(s) and Divine Intervention in Human Affairs, Part I

Read: Greek Myths (handout) – Available on LexisNexis Canvas under “Course Documents / Greek Myths.”

I will post some discussion questions in advance of the first day. Stay tuned.

Thurs, Jan 21 The Nature of God(s) and Divine Intervention in Human Affairs, Part II

Read: Homer, *The Iliad* – If you can read all or most of the poem, great. But it’s hundreds of pages long, so I don’t really expect you to complete that task if you’ve never encountered it before. *At a minimum, do the following two things:*

(1) Know the main characters, the plot, and the main themes.

(2) *Read:* Book 1 in its entirety; Book 9, lines 136-193, 760-785; and Book 18, lines 500-592.

Tues, Jan 26 The Nature of God(s) and Divine Intervention in Human Affairs, Part III

Read: Sophocles, OEDIPUS THE KING, in "Three Theban Plays"

Thurs, Jan 28 The Nature of God(s) and Divine Intervention in Human Affairs, Part IV

We may not finish our discussion of Oedipus the King in one session. If we don’t, we’ll continue it today. If we do, we’ll move on to the next play in the Oedipus cycle – Oedipus at Colonus.

Read: Sophocles, *Oedipus at Colonus*, in Robert Fagles, "Three Theban Plays." Try to read the entire play. If you have the Robert Fagles translation, read his introduction on pp. 255-277. In any case, note in particular LINES 245-317, 469-518, 600-617, 1095-1140 from the play itself.