Conversations with the West: Antiquity and the Middle Ages
God and/or Nature
SYLLABUS
9/7, 9 Genesis and Exodus
9/14 Isaiah 1-39, 52-55
9/16 No class
9/28, 30 Sophocles' Oedipus the King, Euripides' Trojan Women
10/5, 7 Plato's Crito, Apology, Symposium
10/12 In Class Exam
10/14, 19, 21 Aristotle, as found in R. Bambrough, ed., The Philosophy of Aristotle: Metaphysics, Physics, Psychology (Books 2 and 3): Ethics (Introduction and Books 1, 6 and 10); Politics.
10/26, 28 The Aeneid of Virgil, Books I-IV, VIII-X, XII.
11/2, 4 Augustine's Confessions, Books I-X.
11/9, 12 The Koran, Chapters/Surahs in the following order: 1,73,74, 96-114; 12, 19, 2.
11/12 Take Home Exam Due
11/16 Al-Ghazzali's On the Treatment of Anger.
11/18 Maimonides' Eight Chapters, in Butterworth and Weiss, ed., The Ethical Writings of Maimonides.
12/2, 7 Dantes' Inferno, Cantos I-XVI
12/9, 14 Chaucher's Canterbury Tales: General Prologue, pp. 3-26; Miller's Tale, pp. 88-106; Nun's Priest Tale, pp. 214-231; Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale, pp. 258-292.
Final Exam TBA