Texts and Ideas: Mortal and Immortal Questions
Spring 2011
MW 11:00-12:15

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Jan. 24   Introduction
Jan. 26   Tolstoy, Death of Ivan Ilych
Jan. 31   Lucretius iii 830 ff.
Feb. 2    Sophocles, Oedipus
Feb. 7    Sophocles, Antigone
Feb. 9    Euripides, Alcestis
Feb. 14   Euripides, Medea; Marcus Aurelius
Feb. 16   Euripides, Bacchae
Feb. 21   Presidents' Day
Feb. 23   Iliad 1,2,3,6,9
Feb. 28   Iliad, 15  24
March 2   Thucydides i.1 23, 66 88, 118 24, 140 46; ii. 1  8, 35 78.
March 7   Thucydides iii.37 68, 81 85; iv. 47.3 48, 84.2 87; v. 84 116.
March 9   Thucydides vi,vii
March 14  Spring Break
March 16  Spring Break
March 21  Job, Ecclesiastes
March 23  Mark/Matthew
March 28  Paul, 1 Corinthians; Romans; The Life of Teresa of Avila by Herself (Selections).
March 30  Augustine, Confessions 1-9
April 4   Hume, Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion
April 6   Baron d’Holbach, Good Sense
April 11  Plato, Republic 2  4
April 13  Plato, Republic 5-7
April 18 Rousseau, *Confessions* Part 1, Books 1-3; Appendix Neuchatel Preface

April 20 Mill, *On Liberty*; Madison, *Federalist # 10*
April 25 Marx, *Communist Manifesto*
April 27 Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morality*
May 2 Freud, *Civilization and its Discontents*
May 4 Proust, *Swann’s Way*
May 9 Proust, *Swann’s Way*

**Required texts:**
Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations* (Hays) Modern Library 0812968255
Euripides (trans Roche) Norton 13 9780393093124
Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents* Norton 0 393 30158 3
D'Holbach, *Good Sense* (Prometheus) 1 59102 145 b90000
Homer, *Iliad* (Lattimore) 9780226469409
Hume, *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion* (Hackett) 0872204022
Lucretius, *On the Nature of the Universe* (trans. Melville) 0192817612 OUP
Mill, *On Liberty* Penguin 0 14 0432078
Plato, *Republic* (Cambridge) 0 521 48443 x
Proust, *Swann’s Way* (Davis) Penguin 13 978 0142437964
Rousseau, *Confessions* (trans. Scholar) 9780192822758 OUP
Sophocles, *Theban Plays* (trans. Woodruff) 0 87220 585 1
Teresa of Avila, *The Life of Teresa of Avila by Herself* Penguin
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