

Religious Studies 6.66 Schedule

The readings are tentative & I reserve the right to modify them as needed. Reading should be done before you get to class on the day they're listed. Exam & paper dates will not change.

Wk. 1	Th 01/19 Read: Syllabus & Canvas Getting Started Modules	
Wk. 2	T 01/24 Read: ~25 pp --McCutcheon, "What is the Academic Study of Religion?" (2 pp) Q: What McCutcheon mean when he says that the academic study of religion is anthropological? --Romano, "Why Satanic Panic Never Ended" (~15 pp) Q: Why does Satan matter today? What does the last sentence mean? --Almond, Prologue (6 pp) Q: Why does Almond think the Devil is important? --Frankfurter, Ch. 1, <i>focus on pages 9-12</i> (4 pp) Q: What is Frankfurter's perspective on evil? Watch: --Religion for Breakfast, "The Origins of Satan" (18 mins) Q: What were the most important and most interesting things you learned?	Th 01/26 Read: ~27 pp --Almond, Ch 1, 1-15 (15 pp) Q: What are the big points Almond makes about the Devil? --Genesis 2-3, 6:1-4 (3 pp) --Isaiah 13-14 (4 pp) --Ezekiel 28 (2 pp) Q: Is Satan/Devil/Lucifer in these passages? If you think so, what specific words prove it? Recommended: --Psalm 38:20 (21 in Hebrew); Psalm 71:13; Psalm 109:4, 6, 20, 29; 1 Samuel 29:4, 2 Samuel 19:22, 1 Kings 5:4, 1Kings 11:14, 23, 25 Q: These represent human adversaries or enemies. Can you find who they are? Can you find whose adversaries or enemies they are? (Don't take too long here, 1-2 mins per verse.)
Wk. 3	T 1/31 Read: ~22 pp --Almond, Ch. 1, 15-30 (15 pp) Q: What are the big points Almond makes about the Devil? Q: What does he say about the texts we're reading? Q: What's the most shocking, interesting, or confusing thing he says? --Numbers 22 (2 pp) Q: Who/What is the adversary (<i>hassatan</i>) & what does he do?	Th 02/02 Read: These passage may be modified – check Canvas --Mark 1:12-13; 3:20-30; 5:1-20; 8:27-33 --Matthew 4:1-11; 6:7-15; 9:32-33; 25:31-46; 26:14-16 --Luke 4:1-13; 10:17-20; 11:14-26; 13:10-17; 22:1-6 --John 8:31-59; 13; 16:1-11 Recommended: --If you haven't read any of the canonical gospels in full, read or find an audiobook/podcast/YouTube of someone reading

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	<p>Who does he work for?</p> <p>--1 Kings 22 (3 pp) Q: What is the lying spirit? Who sent him?</p> <p>--1 Samuel 16 (1 p) Q: Who sent the tormenting spirit? Is this a possession?</p> <p>--Zechariah 3 (½ p) Q: What are the roles of the angel (messenger) of the Lord and of Satan (in Hebrew, it's <i>bassatan</i>," a job title, not a capitalized proper name)?</p> <p>--Job 1-3, 4:7-17 (3 pp) Q: If <i>bassatan</i> is a job title, what is the job? Describe it. Q: Where is <i>bassatan</i>? Where does he work? Q: Who is <i>responsible</i> for Job's suffering according to this story?</p>	<p>Mark, Matthew, or Luke. Or even read along with someone reading it to you!</p>
Wk. 4	<p>T 02/07 Read: ~20 pp --Frankfurter, Ch. 2 (17 pp) Q: What are Frankfurter's big points? Q: What does Frankfurter mean by "thinking with demons"? Q: What are the social functions of classifying & naming demons, according to Frankfurter?</p> <p>--Testament of Solomon 18 (3 pp) Q: What function do you think this list of demons had in the ancient world? Q: Do you think this list of demons does something different than the ones in 1 Enoch 6 & 8? *This reading can be done quickly – focus on Frankfurter's chapter.</p>	<p>Th 02/09 Read: ~27 pp --Almond, Ch. 2 (18 pp) Q: What are the big points Almond makes about the Devil? Q: What does he say about the texts we're reading? Q: What's the most shocking, interesting, or confusing thing he says?</p> <p>--1 Enoch 6-10 (4 pp) Q: Who are Semyaz and Azaz'el? What do they do? Q: What does God tell Raphael, Gabriel, and Michael to do to the angels who had sex with women?</p> <p>--Jubilees 5:1-11, 10:7-14, 17:15-18:19 (~4 pp) Q: Who is Mastema? Is he like a <i>satan</i>? Q: How does he compare to <i>bassatan</i> in Job or Azaz'el in 1 Enoch?</p>
Wk. 5	<p>T 02/14 Read:</p>	<p>Th 02/16 No Class</p>

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	<p>--Almond, Ch. 3 (12pp)</p> <p>Q: What are the big points Almond makes about the Devil?</p> <p>Q: What does he say about the texts we're reading?</p> <p>Q: What's the most shocking, interesting, or confusing thing he says?</p> <p>--Other TBA</p>	
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Wk. 6	T 02/21 TBA	Th 02/23 EXAM 1
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Wk. 7	<p>T 02/28</p> <p>Read: ~31 pp</p> <p>--Almond, Ch. 4 (25 pp)</p> <p>Q: What are the big points Almond makes about the Devil?</p> <p>Q: What does he say about the texts we're reading?</p> <p>Q: What's the most shocking, interesting, or confusing thing he says?</p> <p>--Acts 8:9-24</p> <p>--Acts of Peter 32 (2 pp)</p> <p>--Acts of Peter and Paul, selection (4 pp)</p> <p>Q: What do we learn about the differences between Peter and Simon?</p> <p>Q: According to the texts, where do Peter and Simon each get their power?</p>	<p>Th 03/02</p> <p>Read: TBA</p>
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Wk. 8	<p>T 03/07 Paper 1 Due by class time</p> <p>Read: ~24 pp</p> <p>--Almond, Ch. 5 (22 pp)</p> <p>Q: What are the big points Almond makes about the Devil?</p> <p>Q: What does he say about the texts we're reading?</p> <p>Q: What's the most shocking, interesting, or confusing thing he says?</p> <p>--<i>Errorres Gazariorum (Errors of the Cathars)</i> selection (2 pp)</p> <p>Q: What are the ritual actions being described?</p> <p>Q: What are bodies doing?</p>	<p>Th 03/09</p> <p>Read: TBA</p>
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Wk. 9	T 03/14 Read: ~22pp Read: --Almond, Ch. 6 (22 pp) Q: What are the big points Almond makes about the Devil? Q: What does he say about the texts we're reading? Q: What's the most shocking, interesting, or confusing thing he says? Watch -- <i>The Witch</i> (1 hr, 32 mins) Q: What feelings does the film bring up? Q: How do the ideas of Satan and conspiracy with Satan present themselves?	Th 03/16 Read: --Malleus Maleficarum selections TBA
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03/20-03/26 Spring Break, No Classes

Wk. 10	T 03/28 Read: --Almond, Ch. 7 (26 pp) Q: What are the big points Almond makes about the Devil? Q: What does he say about the texts we're reading? Q: What's the most shocking, interesting, or confusing thing he says? --Other TBA	Th 03/30 Read: TBA
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Wk. 11	T 04/04 Read: --Almond, Ch. 8 (27 pp) Q: What are the big points Almond makes about the Devil? Q: What does he say about the texts we're reading? Q: What's the most shocking, interesting, or confusing thing he says? --Other TBA	Th 04/06 Read: TBA
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Wk. 12	T 04/11 TBA	Th 04/13 EXAM 2
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Wk. 13	T 04/18 Read: --Almond, Ch. 9 & Epilogue (26 pp) Q: What are the big points Almond makes about the Devil? Q: What does he say about the texts we're reading? Q: What's the most shocking, interesting, or confusing thing he says? --Other TBA	Th 04/20 TBA
Wk. 14	T 04/25 Read: TBA Church of Satan &Satanic Bible	Th 04/27 Watch: <i>Hail Satan</i> (1 hr, 35 mins) Satanic panic
Wk. 15	T 05/02 TBA Paper 2 Due by class time	Th 05/04 TBA
Wk. 16	T 05/09 TBA	Th 05/11 TBA
Wk. 17	T 05/16 EXAMS	Th 05/18 REVIEW & WRAP UP
Finals		Th 05/25: Final Exam Period 10:00am-12:45pm

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Day Class Begins:	Thursday, January 19, 2023
Day Class Ends:	Thursday, May 18, 2023
Day/Time of Final Exam:	Thursday, May 25, 2023, 10:00am - 12:45pm
Last Day to Add w/o instructor's approval:	Tuesday, January 24, 2023
Last Day to Add with instructor's approval:	Sunday, February 5, 2023
Last Day to Drop and get a refund:	Sunday, January 29, 2023
Last Day to Drop without a W:	Sunday, February 5, 2023
Last Day to Drop with a W:	Sunday, April 23, 2023
Last Day to Opt for Pass/No Pass:	Sunday, February 26, 2023
First Census Date:	Monday, February 6, 2023
Mid-Term Date:	3/27/2023 - 4/23/2023