



HTS 511 History of Christianity
3 cr hr or 4 ceu
Tu-Th 1:00 – 3:15 pm Spring 2010

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Required Texts	Chidester, David. (2000). <i>Christianity: A Global History</i> . NY: HarperSanFrancisco.. Shepherd, Thomas W. (2006). <i>Friends in High Places</i> , 3rd Ed. Lincoln, NE: iUniverse Books.
Other Required Reading	Handouts and website references as provided in class.
Recommended Reading	Braden, Charles S.(1984). <i>Spirits in Rebellion</i> . Dallas, TX: SMU Press. Johnson, Paul A. (1995.) <i>A History of Christianity</i> . NY: Touchstone. Turabian, Kate L. <i>A Manual for Writers</i> , 7 th Ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007.

Course Description

Tracing the family tree of New Thought Christianity, ancient beginnings through the Reformation of the 16th century. This course approaches Church history through mini-biographies of selected mystics and metaphysical thinkers. Studies will enrich and deepen the student’s spiritual lives and provide ample resources for preaching and teaching in the ministry.

Assignments:

1. **Profiles.** In lieu of examinations, students will be required to add to the classroom experience by producing and introducing two (2) profiles of historic figures not centrally featured in *Friends in High Places*. Profiles will be at least 1,000 words each (approximately 4 double spaced pages, 12-pt type) and properly annotated with footnotes in Chicago Style/Turabian.
2. **Term Paper.** Students will write a 20 pp. original research paper about a topic, theme, or historical figure. All subjects must be approved. Papers will be prepared in Chicago Style/Turabian format.

Grading

Assignment	Possible Points	Meets Learning Objective
1 st Profile	25%	MD-4
2 nd Profile	25%	MD-4
Term Paper (20+ pp.)	50%	MD-4

Expectations of Students

Students are expected to come to class having read the assigned material and being prepared to discuss it. All assignments must be completed using the Chicago Style/Turabian format. A portion of every grade is always based on the mechanics of the paper. Work which does not comply with required tasks will not be accepted as fulfilling that assignment.