

HTS 552 - Metaphysical Theology II:
(3 hrs/4 units)

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Required Texts	<p>Students must have access to the following books by Charles Fillmore (available online or at any Unity bookstore):</p> <p>Fillmore, Charles. <i>Talks on Truth</i>. Kansas City, MO: Unity Books, 1926.</p> <p>_____. <i>The Twelve Powers of Man</i>. Kansas City, MO: Unity Books, 1930.</p> <p>_____. <i>Prosperity</i>. Kansas City, MO: Unity Books, 1936</p> <p>_____. <i>Jesus Christ Heals</i>. Kansas City, MO: Unity Books, 1939.</p> <p>_____. <i>Atom-Smashing Power of Mind</i>. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 1949.</p> <p>_____. <i>Keep a True Lent</i>. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 1953.</p> <p>_____. <i>The Revealing Word</i>. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 1959.</p> <p>(Other editions of all the above books are acceptable.)</p>
Other Required Reading	Handouts
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Course Description

Based on the seven major books by Unity co-founder Charles Fillmore. Application of the tools of descriptive theology to an in-depth, critical look at the thought of Unity's Co-founder. Students will read, discuss, debate, and present their findings about the basic ideas which characterize Mr. Fillmore's contribution to Christian thought.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Accurately describe and critically analyze the basic theology presented in Charles Fillmore's seven books: *Christian Healing*, *Talks on Truth*, *Keep a True Lent*, *The Twelve Powers of Man*, *Prosperity*, *Jesus Christ Heals*, and *Atom-Smashing Power of Mind*.
2. Using the tools of descriptive theology, work with a team of fellow students to present, both in writing and in panel discussion format, an independent, critical study of the central ideas found in one of the seven basic Fillmorean texts.

3. Create a complete proposal for a new book which builds on the work begun by previous theological authors such as, but not limited to, Unity and New Thought Christian authors.
4. Define and explain (fifty) basic New Thought Christian terms and concepts.

The above objectives partially fulfill the following outcomes for the Master of Divinity and Certificate programs:

MD-2 Foundational Knowledge: Demonstrate professional competency through the integration of knowledge and methodology in the areas of scripture, theology, historical studies, communication, pastoral studies, leadership and administration.

Assignments: Student will teach two class seminars, supported by original instructional materials, which analyze a book by Charles Fillmore. Create a book presentation outlining your ideas for a new Unity book; brief the class in detail about your new book proposal.

Contact the faculty member for a copy of the complete syllabus.