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### **ST 43-Polemics: 2hrs. (January 2011)**

#### **Course Description:**

This course will introduce the student to the major apologetic themes relating to evangelizing and responding to Islam, Roman Catholicism, Mormonism, and the “New Atheism.”

#### **Educational Objectives:**

By means of class lectures and discussions, reading, one book review, and the final exam students will understand the major teachings of Islam, Roman Catholicism, Mormonism, and the “New Atheism.”

#### **Required Texts and Materials: 692 pages**

Elass, Mateen. *Understanding the Koran*. Zondervan, 2004 (pp. 7-164)

Mohler, R. Albert Jr. *Atheism Remix*. Crossway, 2008 (pp. 11-108)

White, James R. *The Roman Catholic Controversy*. Bethany House, 1996 (pp. 13-224)

\_\_\_\_\_, *Is the Mormon My Brother?* Solid Ground Christian Books, 1997 (pp. 1-227)

#### **Course Requirements:**

- Regular attendance. If, for whatever reason, a student misses one or more of the lectures, he will be required to watch a recorded edition of the missed lecture or lectures and report to Dr. White when completed. All make-up lectures must be watched by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- Class participation. It is expected that all students will participate in class discussions.
- All required work: final exam, reading, and book review.

#### **Grading Plan:**

- Final Exam: 70% of cumulative grade.
- Reading: 20% of cumulative grade. **All reading must be completed by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, or you will receive a 0 (“ZERO”).** A one-page reading report will be required from all for-credit students. The reading report must be emailed to Dr. White at droakley@gmail.com *on* the due date.
- Book Review: 10% of cumulative grade. Students will select a book from the required reading list. The review should be between 1,200 and 1,500 words. No review under 1,200 or over 1,500 words will be accepted. The review should be 12 pt. font, Times New Roman, single-spaced, and justified margins. **The book review is due on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.** The book review must be emailed to Dr. White at droakley@gmail.com *on* the due date.

**Academic Performance:**

No student will be deemed to have successfully completed the work in any MCTS course who does not achieve a cumulative grade of 75 or above for his course work. No individual quiz or exam will be accepted which does not achieve a score of 71 or above. The letter equivalents for the percentile grades assigned are as follows:

A -- 96-100	B- -- 81-84
A- -- 91-95	C+ -- 78-80
B+ -- 88-90	C -- 75-77
B -- 85-87	C- -- 71-74

**Day, Times, and Place of Class Meetings:**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Monday-Friday	5:00pm-10:00pm	MCTS Lecture Hall
Saturday	9:00am-11:45am	MCTS Lecture Hall

**Schedule of Lectures:**

Lectures will begin on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and be completed on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The schedule is as follows:

*Monday-Friday*

- 5:00 – 6:15pm      Lecture #1
- 6:15-7:15pm      Dinner
- 7:15-8:30pm      Lecture #2
- 8:45-10:00pm     Lecture #3

*Saturday*

- 9:00-10:15am      Lecture #1
- 10:30-11:45am     Lecture #2