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St. Andrew Center for Christian Learning

Bible Academy

From Buddhism to Mormonism: What Christianity is not!
Fall 2004
Monday mornings and Tuesday Evenings

Class Times: Monday mornings:
9:45 – 10:00, gathering time
10:00 - 11:30, class time

Tuesday evenings:
6:45 – 7:00, gathering time
7:00 – 8:30, class time

Class Dates: Monday mornings:
9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8 NOTE – No class on Oct 4!

Tuesday evenings:
9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/9, 11/16 NOTE – No class on 10/5 or 11/2!

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You can find the syllabus and other course materials at website for the St. Andrew Center for Christian Learning, www.standrewccl.org. Simply go to the Bible Academy page and you'll find the link to the materials for this class.

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER, CHECK THE CENTER'S WEBSITE, WHERE I'LL POST ANY CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS. If we have to cancel a class, we'll simply reduce the class to seven weeks and I'll modify the lectures so we can get back on schedule. If we have to cancel two or more classes, then we'll extend the class further into November.

Course materials:

Required:

World Religions, Lewis M. Hopfe, Graded Press, 1987. This is an official resource for the United Methodist Church prepared by the General Board of Discipleship.

Course description:

This lecture-oriented class is an introduction to the major world religions – but with a twist! We'll begin with an introduction to Christianity and then, with humility and respect, we'll look at some of the basics of other religions and see how they differ from Christianity. Our goal will not be to become "experts" in these other religions, but to understand our faith better by understanding what Christianity is not. Along the way, we may even learn how to speak more confidently about our faith to friends and loved ones who are not Christian.

Schedule of Class Activities

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Class Date	Topic	Chapter Assignments/Worksheets
9/13 & 14 (Wk #1)	Introduction to the class Our goals for this class A few cautions Worldviews The four questions	
9/20 & 21 (Wk #2)	Christianity	• *World Religions*, Chapter 1 • Week 2 readings on Christianity
9/27 & 28 (Wk #3)	Hinduism	• *World Religions*, Chapters 2 - 4
10/11 & 12 (Wk #4)	Buddhism The Tao	• *World Religions*, Chapters5 - 8
10/18 & 19 (Wk #5)	Judaism	• *World Religions*, Chapters 9 - 11
10/25 & 26 (Wk #6)	Islam	• *World Religions*, Chapters 12 - 13
11/1 & 9 (Wk #7)	Mormonism	• Week 7 readings on Mormonism
11/8 & 16 (Wk #8)	New Age spirituality The Centrality of Jesus	• Week 8 readings on New Age spirituality