



# Syllabus

## SCS 115 Bible Interpretation: Acts to Revelation

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### Course Overview

#### Course Instructor

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#### Course Description

Unity’s “maieutic” and metaphysical approach to interpreting scriptures aims to help the interpreter cultivate self-knowledge and make contact with the Higher Spiritual Self commonly called “Christ within” and “Christ consciousness.” Students discover inner spiritual meanings of Christian Scriptures (Acts through Revelation) as they continue to apply the Unity method of interpretation to Christian Scriptures, “the New Testament.”

#### Learning Objectives

By the end of the course, learners will be able to:

- Define maieutic Bible interpretation and metaphysical Bible interpretation.
- Develop an understanding the principles and key concepts for metaphysical interpretation, as taught in Unity.
- Demonstrate the ability to use the *Metaphysical Bible Dictionary*, *The Revealing Word* and your own intuitive sense for finding deeper meaning in Bible passages.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the seven-step process of metaphysical Bible interpretation by applying it to selected passages from Acts to Revelation.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the maieutic interpretive process by applying it to selected passages from Acts to Revelation.
- Develop an appreciation for the different forms of literature in this section of the Bible and how to use them for your own spiritual growth and in ministry.

## Recommended Prerequisites

- SCS 105 Overview: Christian Scriptures
- SCS 110 Bible Interpretation: Hebrew Scriptures

## Required Books

- Fillmore, Charles. *Metaphysical Bible Dictionary*. Unity Village: Unity, 1995.
- Fillmore, Charles. *The Revealing Word*. Unity Village: Unity, 2005
- Sand Turner, Elizabeth. *Be Ye Transformed*. Unity Village: Unity, 1969.
- *The Bible* - (The NRSV: New Revised Standard Version)

## Recommended Books

- Borg, Marcus & Crossan, John Dominic. *The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon*. New York: Harper Collins, 2009.
- Hamilton, Adam. *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2015.
- Ehrman, Bart D. *Peter, Paul & Mary Magdalene: The Followers of Jesus in History and Legend*. Oxford University Press, 2006.
- Neal, Charles. *Revelation: The Road to Overcoming*. Unity Village: Unity, 2000.
- Townley, Ed. *Kingdom Come: Understanding the Book of Revelation*. Unity Village, Unity, 2012.
- Pagels, Elaine. *Revelations: Visions, Prophecy & Politics in the Book of Revelation*. Viking Press, 2012.
- Bennett, Laura Barrett. *The Language of God: Metagetics and the Bible*. Overland Park: Wisdom Academy, 2017.
- Studebaker, Alden. *Wisdom for a Lifetime: How to Get the Bible Off the Shelf and Into Your Hands*. Unity Village, Unity Books, 1998.

## Live Collaborate Class Sessions:

*All times Central Time (CT) Zone*

### April 2024

1. Wednesday, April 17 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
2. Wednesday, April 24 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT

### May 2024

3. Wednesday, May 1 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
4. Wednesday, May 8 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
5. Wednesday, May 15 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
6. Wednesday, May 22 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
7. Wednesday, May 29 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT