



Syllabus

SCS 115 Bible Interpretation: Acts to Revelation

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:

- Demonstrate the ability to use the *Metaphysical Bible Dictionary* and *The Revealing Word*
- Define maieutic Bible interpretation and metaphysical Bible interpretation
- Examine and apply the seven-step process of metaphysical Bible interpretation
- Interpret a Bible story selected from Acts to Revelation using the maieutic technique
- Interpret the same story selected from Acts to Revelation Bible using the seven-step metaphysical Bible interpretation process. Relate their interpretations to their own lives

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: Metagenetics 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

January 2019

1. Wednesday, January 23 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
2. Wednesday, January 30 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT

February 2019

3. Wednesday, February 6 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
4. Wednesday, February 13 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
5. Wednesday, February 20 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
6. Wednesday, February 27 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT

March 2019

7. Wednesday, March 6 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT