

Syllabus

HTS 140: History of New Thought & Unity

Course Overview

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Course Description

The History of New Thought & Unity explores the origin and development of the ideas, beliefs and practices that characterize the New Thought movement. Particular attention is placed on the history and development of Unity.

Course Learning Objectives

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

- Explain New Thought and demonstrate how it is similar to and different from more traditional views of spirituality.
- Identify some of the key people and major events in the development of both the New Thought and Unity spiritual movements.
- Summarize the history of Unity School of Christianity and its mission of prayer, publishing and education.

Required Books

- Vahle, Neal. *The Unity Movement: Its Evolution and Spiritual Teachings*. Philadelphia, PA: Templeton Press, 2002.

Recommended Books

- Braden, Charles S. *Spirits in Rebellion: The Rise and Development of New Thought*. Dallas, TX: Southern Methodist University, 1963. Classic scholarly study of New Thought history.
- Moncrieff, April. *The Principles of New Thought: Tracing Spiritual Truth from The Source to The Soul*. Camarillo, CA: DeVorss Publications, 2013. Thematic description of New Thought beliefs and practices.
- Mosley, Glenn. *New Thought, Ancient Wisdom: The History and Future of the New Thought Movement*. Conshohocken, PA: Templeton Foundation Press, 2006. Scholarly exploration of the place of New Thought and Unity in history.
- Shepherd, Thomas. *Friends in High Places*. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 1985. Exploration of thinkers in history of religion and philosophy whose ideas parallel or influenced New Thought concepts.

Live Collaborate Class Sessions

All times Central Time (CT) Zone

January 2019

1. Thursday, January 24 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT
2. Thursday, January 31– 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT

February 2019

3. Thursday, February 7 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT
4. Thursday, February 14 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT
5. Thursday, February 21– 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT
6. Thursday, February 28 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT

March 2019

7. Thursday, March 7 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT
8. Thursday, March 14 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT