

Syllabus

HTS 140: History of New Thought & Unity

Course Overview

Course Instructor

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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 principles and main influences of the New Thought movement.
- Identify some of the key people and major events in the development of both the New Thought and Unity spiritual movements.
- Examine the development of Unity School of Christianity and Association of Unity Churches and their respective missions.

Required Book

- 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.
- Hicks, Mark. *Background of New Thought*. TruthUnity.net, 2014.
<https://www.truthunity.net/courses/mark-hicks/background-of-new-thought>
- Larson, Martin A. *New Thought Religion: A Philosophy for Health, Happiness, and Prosperity*. New York: Philosophical Library, 1985.
- Mosley, Glenn. *New Thought, ancient wisdom : the history and future of the New Thought movement*. Philadelphia: Templeton Foundation Press, 2006.

- Shepherd, Thomas. *Friends in High Places*. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 1985.
- Vahle, Neal. *Eric Butterworth: His Life and Teachings*. San Francisco, CA: Open View Press, 2012.
- ---. *Lowell Fillmore, Unity's Unsung Hero: The Untold Story of How Unity Grew*. Open View Press, 2014.
- ---. *Open at the Top: The Life of Ernest Holmes*. Mill Valley, CA: Open View Press, 1993.
- ---. *The Spiritual Journey of Charles Fillmore: Discovering the Power Within*. West Conshohocken, Pa. : Templeton Foundation Press, 2008.
- ---. *Torch-bearer to Light the Way: The Life of Myrtle Fillmore*. Mill Valley, CA: Open View Press, 1996.

Live Collaborate Class Sessions

All times Central Time (CT) Zone

January 2022

1. Thursday, January 20 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT
2. Thursday, January 27 - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT

February 2022

3. Thursday, February 3 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT
4. Thursday, February 10 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT
5. Thursday, February 17 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT
6. Thursday, February 24 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT

March 2022

7. Thursday, March 3 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT
8. Thursday, March 10 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CT