

RELIGIOUS ETHICS EXAM VI

COMPARATIVE RELIGIOUS ETHICS

The purpose of this examination is to address methodological and substantive matters in comparative religious ethics. A student will thereby be required (1) to have command of the basic required texts and thus conversant with major theoretical options for comparison and (2) select in consultation with appropriate faculty an additional five texts from each of the two traditions to be compared in this exam around a basic moral issue.

Required Texts:

A. Early Comparative Religious Ethics

Émile Durkheim, *The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*

Sigmund Freud, *Moses and Monotheism*

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, *Lectures on the Philosophy of Religion*

Leonard T. Hobhouse, *Morals in Evolution*

David Hume, *A Natural History of Religion*

Immanuel Kant, *Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone*

Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals*

Ernst Troeltsch, *The Absoluteness of Christianity and the History of Religions*

Edvard Westermarck, *Origin and Development of the Moral Ideas*

B. Mid-Twentieth Century Comparative Religious Ethics

Ronald Green, *Religion and Moral Reason*

Roderick Hindery, *Comparative Ethics in Hindu and Buddhist Traditions*

David Little and Sumner B. Twiss, *Comparative Religious Ethics*

Robin Lovin and Frank Reynolds, *Cosmology and Ethical Order*

Alasdair MacIntyre, *Three Rival Versions of Moral Inquiry*

Lee Yearley, *Mencius and Aquinas*

C. Contemporary Comparative Religious Ethics

Elizabeth Bucar, *Creative Conformity: The Feminist Politics of U.S. Catholic and Iranian Shi'i Women*

David Clairmont, *Moral Struggle and Religious Ethics: On the Person as Classic in Comparative Theological Contexts*

Peter Harvey, *An Introduction to Buddhist Ethics*

John Kelsay, *Arguing the Just War in Islam*

William R. LaFleur, *Liquid life: Abortion and Buddhism in Japan*

Jonathan Schofer, *The Making of a Sage: A Study in Rabbinic Ethics*

Aaron Stalnaker, *Overcoming Our Evil: Human Nature and Spiritual Exercises in Xunzi and Augustine*

Sumner Twiss and Bruce Grelle (eds), *Explorations in Global Ethics*

Dale S. Wright, *What Is Buddhist Enlightenment?*

Secondary Texts:

Robert Bellah, *Religion in Human Evolution*

Elizabeth Bucar and Aaron Stalnaker, eds. *Religious Ethics in a Time of Globalism: Shaping a Third Wave of Comparative Analysis*

James M. Gustafson, *Can Ethics Be Christian?*

David Little, "Max Weber and the Comparative Study of Religious Ethics," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 2, no 2 (1974): 5-40.

Catherine Hudak Klancer, *Embracing Our Complexity: Thomas Aquinas and Zhu Xi on Power and the Common Good*

Joseph Runzo and Nancy M. Martin eds., *Ethics in the World Religions*

William Schweiker ed., *The Blackwell Companion to Religious Ethics*

Arvind Sharma, *Our Religions*

Max L. Stackhouse, ed., *God and Globalization*

Paul Tillich, *Christianity and the Encounter of World Religions*