COURSE DETAIL

RELIGION IN CRISIS: THE PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION AFTER THE DEATH OF GOD

Country Denmark

Host Institution University of Copenhagen

Program(s) University of Copenhagen

UCEAP Course Level Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s) Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number 104

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title RELIGION IN CRISIS: THE PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION AFTER THE DEATH OF GOD

UCEAP Transcript Title RELIGN/DEATH OF GOD

UCEAP Quarter Units 12.00

UCEAP Semester Units

8.00

Course Description

This course explores the possibility of religious conviction in a secularized world. Questions like these are central: In a world in which religious narratives and doctrines strike the contemporary mind as unbelievable as history or scientific explanation, upon what might the modern, educated person base religious convictions? Are religious sensibilities ultimately expressions of a deep sense of morality? Is the religious attitude better described as a feeling or intuition for the infinite behind the finite world? Is personal religious conviction based on experience of the divine? Is contemporary faith an intellectually indefensible but nonetheless hopeful subjective decision to adopt religious traditions and doctrines? The course follows the evolution of religious thinking in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, much of which argues that religion should avoid the distorting demand of justifying itself solely in terms of rationality and that it ought to consider the volitional and experiential aspects of religious life, as well. It develops a critical appreciation of the development of religious thought, with a particular focus on the significance of religious experience, based on a study of a handful of highly influential texts by authors such as Immanuel Kant, Friedrich Schleiermacher, Friedrich Nietzsche, William James, as well as Copenhagen's most famous philosophical mind, Søren Kierkegaard.

Language(s) of Instruction English

Host Institution Course Number TTEASK031U

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