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**TITLE: "CREATION, ANTHROPOLOGY, SIN"**

**TERM:** September – December 2018 [20189]

**SCHEDULE:** FALL

**PROFESSOR:** CHARLES ANANG

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO \_\_\_\_\_

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

***Theology of creation; the human person in its created existence in the image of Christ; origin of mankind; doctrine of original sin.***

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

1. ***The One Plan of God - [The Why or Blueprint]***  
The Unity of God's Plan in creation and redemption. The hermeneutical key or link is Christ: creation in Christ (GS 22) and redemption by Christ. The plan thus involves two stages in two creations.
2. ***Old Testament- The Origins of Man, the First Creation - [How it came about]***  
Basic Text used is Genesis 1-3. The Priestly and Yahwist accounts. Man as apex of creation, the universe as his home.
3. ***New Testament- New Creation in Baptism - [How it is fulfilled]***  
The key Christological texts.
4. ***The Three Elements of Creation- Creator, Creating, Creation - [The Theology]***  
Creator as transcendent and immanent. His creative activity as Trinitarian, free, and transcendent. Creation as
5. ***The 6 Dimensions of Man, Apex of Creation - [The Apex]***  
Dimensions: body-soul, person, man-woman, temporality, social, work; The Christian understanding of human existence.
6. ***The Form of His World- Evolution - [The Context]***  
Examination of Possibility of Evolution. T. de Chardin's vision of Divine action combining with material evolution in a synthesis that leads to Christ.
7. ***Man's Destiny in Communion (Theology of Body) - [The Goal]***  
Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.
8. ***Sin: Primordial, Original, and Personal - [The Obstacle]***  
The terrible catastrophe that was Primordial Sin. The terrible aftermath that gave the legacy of Original Sin. Personal Sin in our Lives. Sin and the Cross.
9. ***Angels, the Other Order in Creation- [A Parallel History]***  
The nature and story of the angels. Angels intertwined with man's history, both in creation and redemption. The good Angels and the Church, including guardian angels. The work of the fallen angels.

## PREREQUISITES:

This course presupposes that the student has either studied or is currently taking a course on Christology; other interested students should see the instructor.

## REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Jose Morales, *Creation Theology* (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2001).
  - Hans Urs von Balthasar, *A Theology of History* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1994).
- [ Helpful: Joseph Ratzinger. *In the Beginning...: A Catholic Understanding of the Creation and the Fall* (Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1995) ]

## POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

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| <b>Oral Exam:</b>     | 50% (15 mins), 3 Questions from Lecture Exam Questions, knowledge of assigned Readings helpful - Dec 11, 2018 |
| <b>Participation</b>  | 10 %  |
| <b>Midterm Test</b>   | 20% (Oct 16, 2018)  |
| <b>Mini-Synthesis</b> | 20% (4 pages, due Nov 6, 2018)  |

Mini-Synthesis (Christ and history): Hans Urs von Balthasar, *A Theology of History* ("The Inclusion of History within the Life of Christ" & "Christ the Norm of History"), 51-111 ("Introduction" is required reading). Write a 4 page (space and half, 11 font) synthesis. What is his main thesis or vision, how does he demonstrate it? Due on Nov 7, 2017. [available at Crux Bookstore]

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