Myth, Ritual, & Mysticism
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Required Books:

Introduction to Myth, Ritual & Mysticism by Phyllis Baker (Course Text)
The Tao of Pooh by Ben Hoff
A Dreamer’s Journey by Phyllis Baker

Many Lives Many Masters by Brian Weiss


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Suggested Reading:

The Power of Myth by Joseph Campbell
The Way of the Shaman by Michael Harner

Course Objectives
This course will provide a survey of various approaches, ideas and beliefs as it to mysticism. It will explore the rituals, myths and frameworks that are held and observed by divergent ethnic and cultural groups over time, and how various cosmologies and world views are established. This study seeks to provide the learners with an understanding and appreciation of how people understand their world and divine revelation. Additionally, this course will provide insight into the multidimensional possibilities in which human beings construct their “Life World”. Ultimately, this course is designed to assist the student in gaining a better understanding of self and other human beings, their belief systems and the many ways of worship and making contact with “ultimate reality”. This course seeks to teach mutual respect for other groups as we collectively try to make sense of the world.

Global Learning Objectives

(A) Global Awareness- to assist the student by providing an orientation and overview of various and diverse cultural groups and their mystical and mythological traditions and how they fit into the larger scheme of world knowledge and practice.
(B) Global Perspective- to provide a deeper understanding of the world views of diverse people around the globe whereby global interaction and sensitive will be enhanced and improved.
(C) Global Engagement- to began or continue a dialog regarding the probability of multicultural and global interaction and engagement and why the voices, beliefs and actions of diverse people are vital to that engagement and to world peace and global understanding.

Specifically, the following topics will be covered in the course:

I. Culture, Cultural Relativism, and Ethnocentrism.
II. Metaphysics
III. Shamanism
IV. The Mystery Schools
V. Dreams & the Unconscious
VI. African Thought
VII. The Mystical Traditions of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, etc.
VIII. Greek & Roman Mythology
IX. Chinese Thought
X. Caribbean Religions
XI. The Goddess Perspectives
XII. The Power of Meditation & Prayer
XIII. Healing Approaches
Class Requirements:

Attendance: Class attendance is very important to assure that maximum benefits are obtained from the course/experience.

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EXAMS: There will be a mid-term and final exam given in this course.

BOOK REVIEWS: There will be a quiz given on the following books: A Dreamer’s Journey by Phyllis Baker, Many Lives Many Masters, and The Tao of Pooh.

Homework: All homework should be submitted on or before the due dates.

Evaluation

Mid-Term Exam 15%
Final Exam 20%
Group Project 20%
Book Reviews 30%
Homework Assignments 15%

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