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Epistle to the Hebrews (New Testament 538, 2 hours)

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I. Description of the course:

An exegesis course on the Epistle to the Hebrews based on the English text but with reference to the Greek throughout. Consideration will be given to the exegetical traditions that the author employs, his Middle Platonic world view as slanted by Jewish Christian eschatology, his concept of the people of God as a pilgrim people, and the peculiarity of his Christology vis-à-vis the rest of the New Testament.

II. Course requirements:

1. Careful and repeated readings of the English text. The use of different English versions is always a useful and enlightening exercise (KJV, ASV, RSV, NEB, Weymouth, Moffatt, Phillips, etc.; also translations appearing in commentaries; cf. L. A. Weigle, The New Testament Octapla [1962]). The outline given by F. F. Bruce, Commentary on the Epistle to the Hebrews, p. lxiii, can serve as a guide in the reading; also the outline of A. C. Purdy, The Epistle to the Hebrews, Interpreter's Bible XI, p. 580.
2. Careful reading of F. F. Bruce, Commentary on the Epistle to the Hebrews (1964).
3. An exegesis paper of 8 to 10 pages based on one of the following passages:

Hebrews 1:1-3	Hebrews 5:15-6:20	Hebrews 10:19-39
1:4-2:4	7:1-28	11:1-16
2:5-18	8:1-13	12:1-11
3:1-18	9:1-28	12:18-29
4:1-13	10:1-18	13:9-16

The paper should be typewritten, double-spaced, with wide margin at the right for professor's comments, footnoted, and with a bibliography. As the final stage in this exercise, the student may want to relate the meaning of the scriptural passage in question to the contemporary situation.

4. Read the readings marked with an asterisk.
5. Final examination based on class lectures and discussions and the assigned readings.

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