

**Phil151/RS151  
2020  
Syllabus of Activities**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Readings From: Smith: <i>The World's Religions</i></b>	<b>Readings From: Pals: <i>Eight Theories of Religion</i></b>	<b>Readings from Harris: <i>The End of Faith</i></b>	<b>Other: Distributed Readings and Armstrong</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Week 1	Point of Departure	Introduction		John Gray Podcast: "The Perils of Belief"	Discussion Forum 1
Week 2	Hinduism			Armstrong: Ch. 1	Writing Assignment 1 Discussion Forum 2
Week 3	Buddhism	Tylor and Frazer: Animism and Magic			Discussion Forum 3
Week 4	Buddhism		Experiments in Consciousness	Armstrong: Ch.2	Writing Assignment 2 Discussion Forum 4
Week 5	Buddhism	Freud: Religion and Personality			Writing Assignment #2 Discussion Forum 5
Week 6	Taoism		Reason In Exile	Armstrong: Ch.3	Writing Assignment 3 Discussion Forum 6
Week 7	The Primal Religions	Durkheim: Society as Sacred			Discussion Forum 7
Week 8	Judaism		The Nature of Belief		Writing Assignment 4 Discussion Forum 8

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Week 9	Judaism	Marx: Religion as Alienation			Discussion Forum 9
Week 10			A Science of Good and Evil	Armstrong: Ch.5	Writing Assignment 5 Discussion Forum 10
Week 11	Christianity			Douthat: "The God Within"	Discussion Forum 11
Week 12	Christianity			Ruse: "Curb Your Enthusiasm"	Writing Assignment 6 Discussion Forum 12
Week 13	Islam		The Problem with Islam	Aslan: "City of the Prophet"	Discussion Forum 13
Week 14	Islam			Aslan: "Slouching Toward Medina"  Berman: The Philosopher of Islamic Terror"  Marahall: "The "Islamist's Other Weapon"	Writing Assignment 7 Discussion Forum 14