

**Phil151/RS151  
Spring 2009**

**Syllabus of Activities**

<b>Session</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: i.e.Distributed Readings and Armstrong</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Session 1	Introduction	Point of Departure		Harris Recorded Interview	RF
Session 2	Hinduism			Armstrong: Ch.1	RF
Session 3	Hinduism	Tylor and Frazer: Animism and Magic			RF
Session 4	Buddhism		Experiments in Consciousness	Armstrong: Ch.2	RF
Session 5	Buddhism	Freud: Religion and Personality			First Long Writing Assignment due
Session 6	Taosim		Reason In Exile	Armstrong: Ch.3	RF
Session 7	The Primal Religions	Durkheim: Society as Sacred			RF
Session 8	Judaism		The Nature of Belief	Armstrong: Ch.4	RF
Session 9	Judaism	Marx: Religion as Alienation			RF
Session 10			A Science of Good and Evil	Armstrong: Ch.5	Second long Writing Assignment due

Session 11	Christianity		Armstrong: Ch.6	RF
Session 12	Christianity	In the Shadow of God	Alisdair McGrath video Armstrong: Ch.6	RF
Session 13	Islam	The Problem with Islam		RF
Session 14	Islam		Berman Marshall Armstrong: Ch.7	RF
Session 15				Third Long Writing Assignment due

RF = Required Forum

Supplementary Forums are ongoing activities each week.