

Western Thought III 2017-18
 Second Quarter Assignments

Assignments Subject to Change

Week	In Class	Assignment Due
2 10/24 10/26	<i>Total Truth</i> : The Darwinian Wordview	Read <i>Total Truth</i> , p. 153-205; Due Tues: Q2 W1 & 2 Questions (see below)
3 10/31 11/2	<i>Total Truth</i> : Effects of Darwinism	Read <i>Total Truth</i> , p. 207-225 ; <i>Consequences of Ideas</i> Ch 1-2 Due Mon/Tues: Q2 W3 Questions
4 11/7 11/9	<i>Total Truth</i> : Effects of Darwinism cotd.	Read <i>Total Truth</i> , p. 227-247 ; <i>Consequences of Ideas</i> Ch 3-4 Due Mon/Tues: Q2 W4 Questions
5 11/14 11/16	<i>Total Truth</i> : Development of American Christian Experience	Read <i>Total Truth</i> , p. 251-272; <i>Consequences of Ideas</i> Ch 5-6 Due Mon/Tues: Q2 W5 Questions
11/21	Thanksgiving Break	No Classes
6 11/28 11/30	<i>Total Truth</i> : Development of American Christian Experience cotd.	Read <i>Total Truth</i> , p. 273-293; <i>Consequences of Ideas</i> Ch 7-8 Due Mon/Tues: Q2 W6 Questions
7 12/5 12/7	<i>Total Truth</i> : Development of American Christian Experience cotd.	Read <i>Total Truth</i> , p. 295-323; <i>Consequences of Ideas</i> 9-10 Due Mon/Tues: Q2 W7 Questions

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8 12/12 12/14	<i>Total Truth</i> : Feminism.	Read <i>Total Truth</i> , p. 325-348; <i>Consequences of Ideas</i> ch 11-12 Due Wed/Thurs 1. <i>Total Truth</i> : The author is rather critical of the impact that the modern feminism movement has had on Evangelical Christianity. We will debate this topic on Wed/Thurs. Use the debate form on Engrade to prepare a debate with the following resolution: Resolved: Equality for women should be valued over traditional familial roles. 2. Be sure to complete forms for both affirmative and negative sides. This will be an Essay Grade.
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Q2 W1 Questions:

1. *Total Truth*: What is philosophical naturalism? How does this play into the evolution debate?

Q2 W2 Questions:

1. *Total Truth*: What is Intelligent Design? How does it differ from Theistic Evolution? How does it differ from Biblical Creationism?

Q2 W3 Questions:

1. *Total Truth*: "Is it fair to say that evolution often acts as a religious belief? Why or why not? (150 words)

Q2 W4 Questions:

1. *Total Truth*: "Explain this irony: Postmodernism denies all objective reality except for Darwinism." (150 words)
2. *Consequences of Ideas*: Who was the most famous student of Aristotle? How did this student apply his master's teaching?

Q2 W5 Questions:

1. *Total Truth:* Finke and Stark (261-262) found that religious groups grow most rapidly when they are at odds with the surrounding culture. Why?
2. Why did social contract theory become a widely accepted assumption among Americans?
3. *Consequences of Ideas:* How did Aquinas distinguish between natural and special revelation?
4. How did Descartes attempt to attain certitude in the midst of skepticism?

Q2 W6 Questions

1. *Total Truth:* Why did C. S. Lewis urge Christians to read “old books”?
2. Describe the new model of leadership that emerged in Evangelical Christianity. What elements of this model do you recognize today?
3. *Consequences of Ideas:* How does your culture attack the correspondence theory of truth?

Q2 W7 Questions

1. *Total Truth:* Explain the concept of “neutral knowledge.” Why were nineteenth century Christians confident that whatever reason discovers by free inquiry would support Biblical teachings? What was not accounted for by proponents of “neutral knowledge”? (250 words)