

INTRODUCTORY COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION  
(U.B. orientation and preparation)

*Dave Schland's  
Course given to his  
church people. Presented  
in R. Buntar's  
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PART 1 Initial verbal attitudinal structuring

1. F.S. "One God"- Jewish, Catholic, Protestant ways of worship and principal beliefs. Diverse beliefs, united purpose under one God. The function of symbols-their relativity.
2. Lecture: Tolerance and Love-finite limitations (1 Cor. 13 Phillips)

PART 2 Evolution, Cosomology, and God the Impersonal

3. F.S. "The Earth is Born" (Life)
4. Lecture: Evolution
5. F.S. "The Starry Universe" (Life) Part 1 - widening perspectives.
6. F.S. " " " " Part 2 - evolution in outer space, stressing it as basic law of God (way of God).
7. Lecture: Evolution--maturation, growth, development-physical, intellectual, moral, spiritual--a common life experience supported by life and teachings of Jesus.
8. Lecture: Integration and projection of above leading to limited Cosomology (start from related N.T. passages)\*

9. Lecture bridge: The impersonal face of God--God as law revealed by science and reason. The need for Father-face (God as Love).

PART 3 The Personal Character of God (Fatherhood)--Jesus

10. F.S. "The Life of Christ"
11. Lecture: The religion About Jesus (positive approach-John 1)
12. Lecture: The Religion of Jesus (Fatherhood, sonship, brotherhood). (points suggested by these few lectures will be expanded and stressed comparatively in all that follows)

PART 4 The History of the Christian Church

13. Lecture: From the Kingdom-fellowship to the institutional church.
14. F.S. "The Story of the Christian Church"
15. F.S. "The E. and R. Church"

PART 5 Evolution--a review in a new setting.

16. F.S. "The Bible Through the Centuries"
17. Lecture: Revelation and Response (revelation in progressive evolution)
18. F.S. "The Growth in the Idea of God".
19. Lecture: From the Tribal God the/to Universal Father of the individual

PART 6 Comparative Religion

20. F.S. "Christianity" (Life)
21. Lecture: The purpose and method of comparative religion - a critical yet constructive approach.
22. F.S. "Judaism" (Life)
23. Lecture: Why did Judaism reject Jesus?
24. F.S. "Hinduism" (Life)
25. Lecture: The great philosophy of ultimates--the loss of the person of God.
26. F.S. "Buddhism" (Life)
27. Lecture: The greatest humanism--the fatal fault of ultimate nihilism
28. F.S. "Taoism and Confucianism" (Life)
29. F.S. "Islam" (life)

\*Projected Progressive and Purposeful Evolution

Principle 1 - physical evolution: a) simple and potential to complex and actual b) unstable to stable. Principle 2 - mental evolution: (personal and collective) a) maturation b) growth c) development. Principle 3 - moral and spiritual evolution: "Be perfect..." Principle 4 - There is a proportionally changing and progressive relationship between the physical, mental, and spiritual. Principle 5 - This relationship may be philosophically, scientifically and religiously projected upon the universe as a rational and meaningful cosomology (physical and spiritual). Principle 6 - God per se is related to yet ultimately transcendent to time-space universes.

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