

Phil 232: Proclus (“Value Theory”)

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Tue., 12–3pm.

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A note on the course title

This course will be about Proclus’ *Elements of Theology*. It’s not clear to me why it got listed as “value theory.” The book is about the dependence of everything from the Good, so I guess that counts.

Course Requirements

Participation in class discussion. Final paper assignment T.B.D.

Texts

Proclus, *The Elements of Theology*, ed. and tr. E.R. Dodds (2d ed. Oxford, 1992).

The above text should be available at the Literary Guillotine, and they will also be put on reserve at McHenry.

Readings

Thurs., Apr. 4 (at usual time, or a time to be determined): (no reading, first class).

Tues., Apr. 9: *Elements of Theology*, §§1–13 (Dodds’s chapters A and B). Suggested further readings: Plato, *Philebus* 15^a–18^d and 23^c–27^c, *Republic* 6.509^b; Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason* B68 (search for “P 088” here) and A381 (search for “P 353” here).

Tues., Apr. 16: §§14–39 (chapters C and D).

Tues., Apr. 23: §§40–74 (chapters E–H).

Tues., Apr. 30: §§75–112 (chapters I–K).

Tues., May 7: §§113–137 (beginning of chapter L).

Tues., May 14: **no class**, due to Shavuot.

Tues., May 21: §§138–165 (end of chapter L).

Tues., May 28: §§166–183 (chapter M).

Tues., Jun. 4: §§184–211 (chapter N).