

Schedule of Readings:

- January 15 -- Donne: 'And New Philosophy Calls All in Doubt' -- New Science of Nature: Copernicus' *Revolutionibus*, Kepler's *New Astronomy*, Galileo's *Two New Sciences*, Bacon's *New Organon* (AW vii-viii, 4-7)
- 17 -- Overthrowing Aristotle: Galileo's *Dialogues concerning the Two Chief World Systems*; Epicurus' Atomism Baptized -- Gassendi's *Paradoxes Against the Aristotelians*, Boyle on the Corpuscular Philosophy (AW, 262-9); Ancient Skepticism Revived -- Pyrrho & Pierre Bayle (AW 486-490)

For these first two readings, there is a very helpful website on the scientific background to early modern thought found at <http://galileo.rice.edu>. [This is known as 'The Galileo Project' -- very well-informed site put together by some prestigious historians of science.] Scroll down to **Science**, then down to **Theories**, then down to **Copernican system**.

- 22 -- Descartes: *Discourse on Method*, Pts. 1,2,5 (AW, 12-21); Dedication, Preface, Synopsis of *Meditations* (A&W, 22-27) [Also, see [stanford.edu](http://stanford.edu), then go to 'Descartes' Life and Works' for Pts. 3, 4, 6 of the *Discourse*.]
- 24 -- Descartes: *Meditation I, II* (AW 27-34); Hobbes' Obj. (AW 63-66)
- 29 -- *Meditation III* (AW 34-41); Hobbes', Arnauld's Obj. (AW 66-73)
- 31 -- *Meditation IV* (AW 41-5); Mersenne's Obj. (CSM 278-284)
- February 5 -- *Meditation V* (AW 45-8); Gassendi's Obj. (CSM 224-228)
- 7 -- *Meditation VI* (AW 48-55); Mersenne's Obj. (CSM 87-92)

[For an excellent outside source, go to <http://www.sitemaker.umich.edu/emcurley/descartes> for an online version of E. M. Curley's *Descartes Against the Skeptics* (1978; now out of print).]

- 12 -- Locke: *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*, Bk. I, II, IV (AW 270-81; 341-6; 358-67)
- 14,19 -- *A Letter Concerning Toleration* (Locke, ed. Shapiro 213-54)
- 21 -- Leibniz: *New Essays on Human Understanding*, Preface (AW 374-378); *Discourse on Metaphysics*, §§1-14, 19 (AW 184-192, 195-6)
- 26 -- *Letters to Clarke* (AW 249-58)
- 28 -- **Guest Lecturer: Dr. Sloane Despeaux on Newton-Leibniz Dispute on Calculus**
- March 3-7 -- **SPRING BREAK**
- 11 -- Hume: "Of Miracles"; "Immortality of Soul"; "Suicide" (H, 107-25; 91-105)
- 13 -- **No Class: Daryl at Duke Divinity School conference**
- 18 -- *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*, Pt. I-III (H, 3-27)
- 19-21 -- **Easter Break: No Class (Ironic, how it falls during our Hume readings?)**
- 25 -- *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*, Pt. IV-VII (H, 28-48)
- 27 -- *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*, Pt. VIII-X (H, 49-66)
- April 1 -- **NO CLASS: Advising Day**
- 3 -- *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*, Pt. XI-XII (H, 67-89)
- 8 -- Kant: "What is Enlightenment?"; "What is Orientation in Thinking?" (K, 3-14)
- 10 -- "Miscarriage of All Philosophical Experiments in Theodicy" (K, 17-30)
- 15 -- *Religion within the Boundaries of Sheer Reason*, Part One (45-73)
- 17 -- *Religion within the Boundaries of Sheer Reason*, Part Two (77-102)
- 22,24 -- *Religion within the Boundaries of Sheer Reason*, Part Three (105-147)
- 29 -- *Religion within the Boundaries of Sheer Reason*, Part Four (151-170)
- May 1 -- "The End of All Things" (195-205)
- Wed., May 7 -- **FINAL EXAM, 12:00-2:30**

**Review terms (toleration, theodicy, atomism, monadism, realism, idealism, skepticism, solipsism, dualism, et al.); key Latin or German phrases (*cogito ergo sum*, *tabula rasa*, *Wissenschaft*, *scientia*, *Naturforschern*) and thinkers (Descartes & critics, Locke, Leibniz, Hume, Kant)**