UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2016
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Course #: THEO 1001
Section: 124
Course Title: Introduction to Theology
Topic: God and Mystery

Description:

This course introduces key sources and questions of theology as reflection upon the worldview and core narrative found in Christian tradition and scriptures.

St. Augustine once said, "If you can comprehend it, it isn't God." But if that's the case, how can we even begin to engage in theology (the study of God)?

Our reflections will be guided by the proposition: "God is not a thing in the world." If we think of God as just another thing in the world—even the biggest or most important thing, or the thing that started it all—we are not thinking about what Christianity means when it says God.

Important centers of gravity for our consideration of this notion of God and mystery include creation, human freedom, the identity of Jesus Christ, and what Christians mean by "salvation."

Background in theology is not presupposed.