



Death, Judgment, Eternal Life – The Christian Faith and the Last “Things” (7,5 ECTS credits)

Level: 1st cycle

Discipline: THEOLOGY

Course ID: 0306

Admission requirements

General admission requirements for university studies. Students taking part in the course as a part of their Bachelor's degree program must have completed Course A, Introduction in Philosophy and Theology (30 ECTS credits). Students taking part in the course as a freestanding course are expected to have corresponding prior knowledge.

Educational goals

After completing the course, the student is expected to:

- Be able to give a general account of eschatological conceptions in the Christian tradition, and how these have been modified and developed throughout the history of the Church;
- Exhibit an understanding the most important eschatological motifs have been interpreted and mutually related in the Christian understanding of the Faith throughout the ages;
- Show the ability to give an answer from the Christian tradition to the question of what comes after death as well as an ability to provide critically reflected arguments for the answer.

Course content

The course gives an introduction to eschatology, the Christian teachings on “the last things”. Methodological problems concerning eschatology as a theological subject are treated, as well as central questions and topics in the discipline. The questions are considered historically and exegetically as well as systematically.

Teaching and examination

Instruction will be in the form of lectures and discussion seminars (online and at the meetings). The examination consists in participation in online discussions and seminars, as well as a written essay at the end of the course (8-10 pages). The course grade is based on the quality of the essay. This final paper may be written in English or Swedish.

Bibliography

Agamben, Giorgio. *The Church and the Kingdom*, The University of Chicago Press Books (2012), 59 pages.

(Svensk version kan också användas: Agamben, Giorgio. *Kyrkan och Riket*, Eskaton (2014), 57

sidor).

Griffiths, Paul J., *Decreation: The Last Things of All Creatures*, Baylor University Press (2014), 384 pages.

Hart, David Bentley, *The Doors of the Sea*, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company (2005), 120 pages.

Ratzinger, Joseph, *Eschatology: Death and Eternal Life*, The Catholic University of America Press (2007), 300 pages.

Additional texts, for a total of about 30 pages, will be provided to the students during the course.

See also "Kursplaner: allmänna bestämmelser" (Course plans: General rules)

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