CHRISTIAN APOCRYPHA – SYLLABUS

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Purpose:
The primary purpose of the class will be to explore the wide variety of non-canonical texts from the first several centuries of the Christian era.

Required Texts:

Course grade:
20% Daily assignments (collected periodically)
20% Short Presentations
60% Final Presentation and Paper

Attendance is required at all class meetings. Excessive unexcused absenteeism will result in lowering of the student’s grade.

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Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

Assignments

AUG 22 General Introduction to the Course
24 VIDEO: “Secrets of the Banned Gospels”
27, 29 Brief Review: The New Testament and Early Christianity
Elliott, pp. ix-xxv
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15  Acts of Paul  
    Elliott, pp. 350-389

17, 19  Acts of Peter, Acts of Peter and the 12 Apostles (Nag Hammadi)  
    Elliott, pp. 390-438  
    http://www.gnosis.org/naghamm/actp.html

22, 24  Acts of Thomas  
    Elliott, pp. 439-511

26  **Brief Presentations** - Other Apocryphal Acts  
    Elliott, pp. 512-533

29  Shorter Epistles, Epistle of the Apostles  
    Elliott, pp. 537-588

31  Apocalypse of Peter (and Nag Hammadi Apocalypse of Peter)  
    Elliott, pp. 591-615  
    http://www.gnosis.org/naghamm/apopet.html

**NOV 2**  Apocalypse of Paul (and Nag Hammadi Apocalypse of Paul)  
    Elliott, pp. 616-644  
    http://www.gnosis.org/naghamm/ascp.html

5  Apocalypse of Thomas, Questions of Bartholomew, Letter of James  
    Elliott, pp. 645-681

7  Assumption of the Virgin  
    Elliott, pp. 691-723

14  **Brief Presentations** – Other Apocryphal Apocalypses  
    Elliott, pp. 682-687

16  On the Origin of the World, Paraphrase of Shem (Nag Hammadi)  
    http://www.gnosis.org/naghamm/origin.html  
    http://www.gnosis.org/naghamm/para_shem.html

19  Summary/Conclusion

21, 23  **THANKSGIVING BREAK**

26, 28, 30  **Student Presentations**

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