

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2010**
Instructor: Dr. Bill Oliverio
Course #: THEO 2300
Sections: 101 and 102
Course Title: **Quests for God, Paths of Revelation**

Description:

John Paul II said that “Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth – in a word, to know himself – so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves.” This course will examine quests for understanding God and ultimate reality through faith experiences and through reason, that is, through 1) human religious and general experience and 2) through reasoning. Our main textbook will be *Reason and Religious Belief* (4th ed.) by Peterson, Hasker, Reichenbach and Basinger. We will look at the contemporary state of religion in western culture through Charles Taylor’s *Varieties of Religion Today*. We will make a short survey of several world religions. And we will explore a Christian quest for God in Robert Barron’s *The Strangest Way: Walking the Christian Path* along with several other readings.