UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2012
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Course #: THEO 2410
Section: 101; 102
Course Title: Christian Faith in Cultural Contexts

Description:

The contexts we will be examining are mainly our own. The focus will be on some of the forces commanding the heights of contemporary culture and which, in effect, we also bow down to. This pressing quality is being felt and commented upon constantly, especially with the emergence of a globalized “digital world.” At what point does use of systems become abuse and do we begin to bow down to our inventions? An objective of this course is to get us thinking about the challenges and opportunities to faith and witness present within the this fast-changing global culture. A particular focus, then, is on the pervasive presence and transformative influence of technologies upon our public and personal lives.

If a theology of this cultural moment is to be created, it will needed to address our experience from within technopoly. As always, such a theology will needed to be grounded both in faith and tradition. It also will have to genuinely communicate with the day-to-day inundation od experience that people are feeling. Faith needs to witness and lead in such a way that remains both true to the gospel and relevant to the life experience of the hearers.

There is a nest of questions that can be considered here: How is Christian faith to discern the times in order to name and address them? How can faith connect in ways that create, transform and, when needed, be prophetic? In short, there is finally a return to a perennial question despite a dramatically new cultural context: What is the Spirit now saying to the churches?