

COLLOQUIUM ON RELIGIOUS ORIGINS OF WESTERN CULTURE

July 14 – 17, 2005

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July 15

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

First Session

Topic: Rome: The Grand Synthesis

Assignment: *Brague, Eccentric Culture, Ch.2, pp 24-42;
Ch. 5-6, pp. 92-134*

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Second Session

Topic: Freedom and Law

Assignment: *Tertullian, "Against Marcion," II, 5-6
Gregory of Nyssa, "On The Creation of Man," ch. 11
Bernard of Clairvaux, *On Grace and Free Will*, Chapters I to VI
Bernard of Clairvaux, *On the Love of God*, XII, 35
Hooker, *The Laws of Ecclesiastical Policy*
Lord Acton, "The History of Freedom in Christianity (1877)*

July 16

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Third Session

Topic: The Origins of Western Democracy

Assignment: *Augustine, "City of God, XIX, 17
Aquinas, "Contra Gentiles", III, 134
Gersonides, *Wars of the Lord*", II, 2
Eike von Repgow, *Der Sachsenspiegel* (around 1230), III, 42
translation by Maria Dobozy
Aquinas *on the rights of the unbelievers, Summa Theologica,*
IIaIIae, q. 10
John of Salisbury, "Polycraticus", VIII, 17-23*

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Fourth Session

Topic: The Autonomy of Human Laws

Assignment: *Aquinas, Summa Theologica, IaIIae, q. 90-107*

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Fifth Session

Topic: Our Debt To The Past

Assignment: *Martin Luther King, Letter from the Birmingham Jail*