See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. Col 2.8

Course Objectives
The study is designed so the seminar participant may develop a thorough understanding of the issues in advanced contemporary philosophy of religion.

Text Books
**REQUIRED**

Assignments
Each seminar participant will write and present a research paper on a subject determined in the first session of the seminar. The paper should represent the writer’s finest research and writing, understanding that the professor will be the target reader. The style should carefully follow the Southern Seminary Style Manual. No length restrictions apply to the paper, but a copy of the paper shall be presented to each seminar participant one week in advance of the paper presentation date. The copies may be single-spaced and double-sided, but the professor’s copy shall be double-spaced, single-sided with a font size no less 12. On the date assigned, the paper writer will have about 30 minutes to present (not read) his paper. He will then respond to questions from the group.

In addition to a careful advance reading of each paper, seminar members are also expected to have read thoroughly the assigned readings as minimum preparation for discussing the topic of each week’s seminar. It is imperative that each participant be prepared to contribute to the discussion. A 3-5 page outline of each week’s reading assignment is due at the beginning of each seminar.
Grading and Evaluation
According to seminary guidelines, seminar participants must earn at least a grade of B to pass the course.
1. The research paper will count 60% toward the final semester grade (80% substance, 10% form, and 10% presentation).
2. Reading outlines will account for 30% of the course grade.
3. Intelligent participation in the seminars based on careful advance reading will contribute 10% of the semester grade.

When You Need to Reach Me
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Class Schedule
Aug 15  Course Introduction; Religious Epistemology
          Foundations chaps.1, 3-7;
          Anthology Rdgs.9,11,16-18

22  Evidence and Religious Experience
          Contemporary chap.8; Anthology Rdgs.12-14

29  Metaphysics and Philosophy of Religion
          Foundations chaps.8-10

Sep 05  Arguments for God’s Existence (I)
          Foundations chap.23; Contemporary pp.350-65;
          Anthology Rdgs.19, 20

12  Arguments for God’s Existence (II)
          Foundations chap.24; Contemporary pp.365-86;
          Anthology Rdgs.21-24

19  Philosophical Theology (I)
          Foundations chap.25; Contemporary chap.;
          Anthology Rdgs.4,6

26  Philosophical Theology (II)
          Foundations chap26; Contemporary chaps.3,5,6;
          Anthology Rdgs.5,7

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