



## Semester One Study Guide

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### Part I: Know These Terms

### With These Meanings

1. Adonai
  2. Aman
  3. Anno Domini
  4. anti-Semitism
  5. Asylum law
  6. Atsa
  7. B'ra
  8. Biblos
  9. Catholic
  10. Canon
  11. Christos
  12. Contextualist
  13. Decreation Stories
  14. Ehad
  15. Enmity
  16. Essene
  17. Ex Cathedra
  18. Ex Nihilo
  19. Eye for Eye law
  20. Gentile
  21. Impeccable
  22. Incarnation
  23. Inerrant
  24. Infancy Narratives
  25. Inspired
  26. Infallible
  27. Literal interpreter
  28. Magisterium
  29. Messiah
  30. Monotheism
  31. Original Sin
  32. Papyrus
  33. Paradigm
1. "Lord" (replacement word for YHWH)
  2. Means both "faith" and "trust"
  3. Abbreviated AD, means "Year of (our) Lord."
  4. Bigotry against Jews
  5. Nomadic law requiring a tribe to offer safety and a new genealogy to a banished nomad.
  6. In Hebrew to "fashion" as in the way humanity creates.
  7. Special word in Hebrew for the way God creates,
  8. Greek word meaning "Book," source word for "Bible."
  9. Means "universal"
  10. The official list of the inspired books of the Bible.  
Note: it also means "measuring rod."
  11. Greek word meaning "anointed one" we get the title "Christ" from this.
  12. One who looks at the context of the passage - its history, customs, language and people, before determining whether a passage is to be interpreted as "fact" "symbol" or a combination of both.
  13. Gen 3-11.
  14. "One" and "Only"
  15. State of hostility "I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your offspring and hers."
  16. Jewish monks who copied scrolls at Qumran. They awaited the coming of two messiahs.
  17. "From the Chair" (of St. Peter) Pope must speak "Ex Cathedra" in order for a statement to be considered infallible. (One of four conditions of infallibility)
  18. From nothing, as in the way God creates
  19. Meant to replace tribal vengeance law with justice.
  20. A non-Jew
  21. Refers to a person who is incapable of making mistakes. Note: Catholics DO NOT believe the Pope is impeccable.
  22. The Word of God becomes flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. God becomes man in Jesus.
  23. Making no mistakes or errors
  24. Stories of Jesus' birth found in Matt and Luke
  25. Comes from a word meaning "breathed in"
  26. Incapable of failing
  27. Tends to interpret most Bible passages as if they are purely factual or literal. Most fundamentalist Christians are literal interpreters.
  28. The teaching authority of the Church
  29. Hebrew word for Anointed One.
  30. Belief in the existence of only one supreme being "God"
  31. The sin of Adam and Eve which has become part of the human condition.
  32. Most common material upon which ancient scrolls were written.
  33. A mental picture or set of expectations through

34. Paradigm Shift
35. Parchment
36. Pentateuch
37. Presumption
38. Protogospel
39. Protohistory
40. Ruach
41. Salvation History
42. Sanctuary Law
43. Seven
44. Sh'ma
45. Sinai
46. Tetragrammaton
47. Tradition
48. YHWH
49. Zealot
50. Ziggurat

## Part II

1. Why do we say  
protohistory stories  
symbolical-factual?
2. ...does God say "Let us" in  
Genesis 1:26?
3. why do people have such  
long life-spans Genesis 5  
and 11? And, how do we  
know this?
4. why are genealogies are  
so important in the  
Bible?
5. why we believe all have  
unalienable rights?

- which we interpret something.
34. When we significantly alter the way we see something.
  35. Writing material made from the skin of an animal (goat, sheep or cow)
  36. First five books of the Bible are called this
  37. To take upon oneself the authority of God (Sin of Adam and Eve)
  38. Gen 3:15 Foreshadows the victory of Christ over Satan. "You will strike at his heel, but he will crush your head."
  39. The first eleven (11) chapters of Genesis.
  40. Hebrew word meaning "wind, breath, spirit"
  41. The story of God's plan to save humanity
  42. Horns of the Altar or sacred city, where someone can flee an Avenger of Blood.
  43. Symbolic number meaning "perfectly whole, complete"
  44. The central prayer of Judaism; it means "listen up!" or "hear!"
  45. The mountain of the Hebrew or "Old" Covenant. Also known as "Horeb"
  46. Not the name of God, but a term which refers to its four sacred letters.
  47. The living transmission of the Gospel of the Church
  48. The personal name of God revealed to Moses at the burning bush, means "I AM" Short form of "I Cause to be what comes into being."
  49. Jewish sect of freedom fighters. They staged an unsuccessful rebellion that led to the destruction of Jerusalem and its Temple 70 AD.
  50. Ancient pyramid-like structure dedicated to worshipping the moon god in ancient summeria. The Tower of Babel was a ziggurat.

1. The literary style is patterned and more poetic, than historical. This puts the focus on communicating religious and moral truths, rather than history - the major teaching that there is only one God. and that we are not accidents, but are here for an eternal purpose, -loved into existence. This effected a major paradigm shift for the world.
2. In Hebrew, as in English, plurals are used to gently show authority. It is a way of including the listener (God's angelic court) in the decision.
3. Just as it is in our culture, numbers are used by Hebrews in a variety of ways. Here the ages are a qualitative measure of how close someone is to God, not a quantitative measure of life, but a qualitative measure of one's walk with God. (Note: Multiple questions here) We see this done in the writings of the cultures of times. The ages were exaggerated o show greatness, The writers of Genesis simply incorporate this technique (Note: a similar ploy is used in the STAR WARS trilogy; Yoda is 900 years old, because he is "close to the force.")
4. Hebrews were semi nomads. In nomadic life, your protection was your blood link to the clan or tribe. When someone was adopted into a clan, they would create a genealogy for them.
5. This comes from Gen 1: 27 and Gen 2:7 We are made in

6. why does the writer of Genesis depict God breathing into man's nostrils?
7. What Catholics can believe regarding evolution and creation?
8. Does Catholic teaching or the Bible teach that human life is the result of purely accidental processes?
9. What is the probability of one human protein being formed by accident - what also is this similar to?
10. A) how many proteins make up a human being? B) How many are absolutely essential?
11. According to the laws of probability, what are the chances of just the 2,000 essential proteins needed for human life being formed by accident?
12. Are Catholic schools and public schools free to teach facts which challenge Darwinism or is this unconstitutional?
13. Did Darwin himself see any possible major problems with his theory?
14. Did Pope John Paul II declare evolution to be a "fact?"

God's image, carrying his own life's breath within us. We have freewill and reason. No one can take rights away from us without a just cause, since no one, but God gave us these powers. Government does not grant them... they are to recognize them. We see this reflected in our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution.

6. To emphasize a child-father relationship, since that is what ancient Hebrews did at the birth of their children (rather than spank them into breathing)
7. Catholics are free to believe that our physical nature came about through some evolutionary means by God's design but that the essence of the human person - the soul- was directly created by God and did not evolve. Perhaps we have a poetic picture of this in Gen 2:7, where God creates man out of the "dust of the earth" but breathes his divine life into us.
8. No. This idea is directly contrary to both Catholic teaching and the Bible. Each is clear that human life is not a meaningless accident. Note: some people in the name of "science" teach a philosophy called naturalism which believes that the only logical, "scientific" explanation is that human life is a meaningless accident - purely the result of undirected, natural processes. In this philosophy there is no purpose or meaning to life - this is completely contrary to Catholics and the Bible, as well as a significant number of high level scientists who point out the mathematical improbability of this.
9. it is one in 10 to the 19th power... or like solving a rubic's cube blindfolded. Even if you turned a cube once per second, it probably take 1,800 billion years to solve it this way. (The universe itself is only about 14 billion years old)
10. A) 200,000 b) 2,000
11. 1 in 10 to the 40,000 power, roughly the same as a Jumbo jet being assembled, fueled and running by a series of tornados passing through a field of 747 parts. The universe is not big enough or old enough to hold the number of tornados and airplane parts needed to make this possible, according to Astronomer Fred Hoyle.
12. No, it is not unconstitutional. Both public and private schools are free to teach both sides of the controversy. In the "No Child Left Behind" Act the US Congress recommended that all of the scientific evidence, both for and against evolutionary theories (there is not just one) be taught to U.S. students. The problem is that secularists want to teach Darwinian theory without challenge because they see it as the key element in removing God and religion from public life .
13. Yes, he saw at least two, 1) any future discovery of irreducibly complex biological systems (because they could not be built over time by chance modifications) and 2) the Cambrian explosion,"... in which all major animal groups appear together in the fossil record fully formed instead of branching from a common ancestor."
14. **NO.** He simply acknowledged that it was no longer

15. Does the “Big Bang” contradict the idea that God created the cosmos?
16. Who or What came before God?
17. What may be the historical basis for the flood account?
18. What may be the historical basis of the Tower of Babel story? *And* What is the point of the story?
19. What does “40” represent to contextual readers of the Bible? ”
20. What significant transitions took place in the life of Jesus to which were assigned the number “40?” ).
21. Why does God allows Abraham to sleep with Hagar and others to marry half sisters, cousins etc. in Genesis?
22. The New Testament covers how many years of Covenantal history?
23. The Dead Sea scrolls brought us how many years closer to the first manuscripts of the Bible?
24. How many books in the Catholic Old Testament?
25. According to Jewish law, you are Jewish if you are?
26. According to Jewish teaching, a Jew stops being a Jew if he ...?

- considered an “hypothesis,” but spoke correctly of “multiple theories” of evolution. The Holy Father stated clearly that the idea that human life arose by chance alone is contrary to truth.
15. Actually the Big Bang is similar to the biblical teaching that the Universe. “Whatever” created the big bang was outside of time, space and matter... The Bible revealed long ago that God is outside of time, space and matter and that time had a beginning and will have an end. This all parallels the “Big Bang” remarkably well.
16. The question is misleading because God created time. Scientists tell us that time is a product of the “Big Bang.” It began when space and matter were created and depends upon the speed of light. There is no “before” or “after” without time. GOD IS. He calls himself I AM. He created the possibility of “befores” and “afters” when he created time. Before time... there was no time. Hence, there is no “before God,” and God doesn’t have to “come from somewhere”. Just remember: “Time came out of God, God did not come out of time.”
17. The creation of the Black Sea by the Mediterranean Sea crashing through the Bosphorus strait about 5,600 BC.
18. The great ziggurat in Ancient Summaria (Modern -day Southern Iraq) where the Tigris and Euphrates merge... This great tower was built to worship the moon-god, but this ambitious building was left unfinished until the days of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. The point of the story is that Hubris - (represented by the unfinished tower) leads to division (represented by the different languages)
19. Forty is the number that the Biblical authors used to mark a period of “Significant Transition
20. 1) Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert (Transition? He went from being a private person to his public ministry) 2) After his resurrection from the dead, Jesus appeared to and taught his disciples (Transition? The disciples went from being a private, frightened group to being the public proclaimers of Jesus’ resurrection ALSO it was significant for Jesus since it marked his transition from his presence on earth to his return to heaven).
21. Revelation is GRADUAL. Abraham does not know what you know. He does not have the benefit of the “Bible” or the Law of Moses, not to mention the teachings of Jesus. Also, because the Bible reports that something happened does not mean that God approves of it.
22. 110 yrs.
23. 1,000 yrs.
24. 46 books
25. born of a Jewish mother or convert to Judaism.
26. believes that Jesus is the Messiah,

27. Who discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls?
28. The Christian Church stayed united and was called "catholic" for approximately how many years before the first split?
29. How does one become Catholic?
30. How do Catholics view the Old Covenant?
31. The New Covenant is given through \_\_\_\_\_ and is meant for \_\_\_\_\_.
32. What do The Dead Sea Scrolls reveal regarding the copying process?
33. What was the Bible for Jesus and his followers?
34. Do we have essentially the same Old Testament that Jesus considered authoritative? How do we know this?
35. What is the metaphor we use most often in class to talk about the Jewish /Christian Covenants?
36. How many caves produced how many manuscripts of the Dead Sea Scrolls?
37. How many manuscripts of the Old Testament were found at the Dead Sea?
38. What are the three vows that Franciscans take?
39. Regarding Franciscans what does OFM stand for?
40. What does "friars minor" mean and why did Francis call his order an order of "Friars Minor?"
41. Who created the first Christmas creche? Where?
42. Where do we find the Christmas stories in the Gospels?
43. Which Gospel tells the Christmas story from Joseph's point of view?
44. Which Gospel tells the Christmas story from Mary's point of view?
45. Who tells the story of the Shepherds coming to a stable-cave? Why is this significant?
46. Who is Luke's audience?
47. Why does Luke trace Jesus'
  27. an Arab shepherd boy
  28. 1,000 yrs.
  29. Through baptism, you cannot be "born" a Catholic OR any "Christian"
  30. The "Old" covenant is ongoing and valid, as it is observed by Jews throughout the world. It is the foundation of the New Covenant.
  31. Jesus, All (hence, "catholic")
  32. The Scriptures were copied with amazing accuracy.
  33. What we now call the "Old Testament"
  34. Yes, it is essentially the same; we know this from doing a comparison of the Dead Sea Scrolls to current translations.
  35. Marriage
  36. eleven, 800
  37. over 200
  38. Poverty, Chastity and Obedience
  39. Order of Friars Minor
  40. "Lesser Brothers" In Francis' time, people were divided into two categories - lesser and major. The majors or "Majores" were the upper middle - upper class people. They had influence, power and money. The lesser or "minores" were the rest. Francis' love of Christ who became poor for us led him to be like him.
  41. Saint Francis at Greccio.
  42. In the first two chapters of Matthew and Luke.
  43. Matthew
  44. Luke
  45. Luke, because shepherds were considered "unclean" and lowly people. Luke's emphasizes Jesus reaching out to people who were looked down upon by society.
  46. Gentiles.
  47. Because he is writing to non Jews, its important to remind his readers that Jesus is related to all of

genealogy back to Adam.

48. Who is Matthew's audience?
49. Who tells the story of wise men coming from the east to acknowledge Jesus as "king of the Jews?"
50. Who does Matthew trace Jesus' genealogy back to?
51. For the first 15 centuries of Christianity, Christian Tradition in both the East and the West taught *what* regarding Jesus words "This is my body" that is, the Eucharist.
  
52. Explain how Genesis helped give birth to modern science.
53. What is the "religious" assumption of every scientist?
54. Where does that assumption come from?
  
55. What did Einstein say was the most incomprehensible thing about the universe?
  
56. Know the ancient invaders of Israel in order
  
57. What are the books of the Pentateuch in order? (Know how to spell them)

### Hot Biblical Dates

1. The Great Flood (Based on recent research)
2. David establishes Israel with capital in Jerusalem
3. Jewish Monks begin living in Qumran
4. Jesus' Birth
5. Destruction of Qumran and Masada, Dead Sea Scrolls buried
6. Matthew and Luke are written
7. Jewish council at Jamnia to decide Jewish Bible , Jews expel followers of Jesus from synagogue
8. New Testament is finished
9. Francis of Assisi born
10. Francis Dies
11. Shepherd discover Dead Sea Scrolls
12. Dead Sea Scrolls recognized AND Israel recognized as a nation

humanity.

48. Christians who come from a Jewish background.
49. Matthew, because he is writing to Jewish-Christians.
50. To Abraham, the father of the Jewish people.
51. Both Scripture and Tradition have taught that Jesus meant this plainly as FACT, we receive the "Body, blood, soul and divinity" of Jesus himself in the Eucharist.
  
52. Genesis taught that creatures were not fearful "gods" to be manipulated by magic, but were just creatures over whom we were given authority Also, since creation is the result of the mind of God, it is intelligible (understandable) so we can figure it out.
53. That the universe is intelligible and ordered.
54. **Genesis:** Science was born in Christian Medieval Europe which created Universities. The pursuit of science was the pursuit of God whose laws govern the Universe.
55. That the universe is intelligible.
56. Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Syria, and Rome  
**Answer: remember (A Babbling, Persian Girl Seeks Romance)**
57. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

### Hot Biblical Dates

1. 5,600 BC
2. 1,000 BC
3. 250 BC
4. 3-5 BC
5. 70 -72 AD
6. c. 80 AD
7. 90 AD
8. 110 AD
9. 1181 AD
10. 1226 AD
11. Fall of 1946
12. Nov 29, 1947

## A Biblical Who's Who

1. Cain:
2. Seth:
3. Enoch:
4. Lamech:
5. Noah:
6. Pitman and Ryan:
7. Shem, Ham and Japheth
8. Shem:
9. Abram/Sarai:

## A Biblical Who's Who

1. Adam's son who murders his brother Abel out of jealousy. (Gn 4) Cain represents a way of life that is based upon "blood vengeance" as protection (Nomadism) "Cain will be avenged 7 times."
2. Good son of Adam through whom Israel is traced. It is the good line of Seth that is identified as the "Son's of God." Seth's line gradually moved away from serving God through the practice of polygamy and a growing association with the line of Lamech.
3. "walked with God" and was taken up to heaven (Gn 5)
4. First polygamist in history. The line of Lamech is identified by the phrase "the daughters of men."
5. righteous man through whom God saved humanity in great flood. Gen (6:5-9:17)
6. Discovered the remnant of a great flood in the Black Sea.
7. son's of Noah who accompanied him with their wives in the ark. *Ham's descendants (Canaan)* was cursed for his exposing his father to ridicule (Gn 9:18)
8. Son of Noah through whom Israel and other "Semites" or "Semitic peoples" are traced. (Gn 11:10)
9. Patriarch/matriarch of Israel. God called Abram to be "Abraham" father of many peoples, Sarai to be "Sarah" mother-princess of these descendants. With Abraham we begin to leave Protohistory and enter the age of Ancestor-Patriarchs. God covenanted Abraham. (Gn 12, 15,17).

Scripture Passages to Know by Heart ♥ - Know Also why they are important:

1) ♥ Deut 6:4

2) ♥ Jn 3:16

3) ♥ 2 Thess 2:15

4) ♥ Gen 1:27

1. Hear, Oh Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is ONE.
2. For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him might not perish, but have eternal life.
3. Brothers, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions you received from us, either by oral statement or letter of ours.
4. So, God made man in his image and likeness, male and female he made them in his own image.

Scriptures Passages to recognize and why they are important

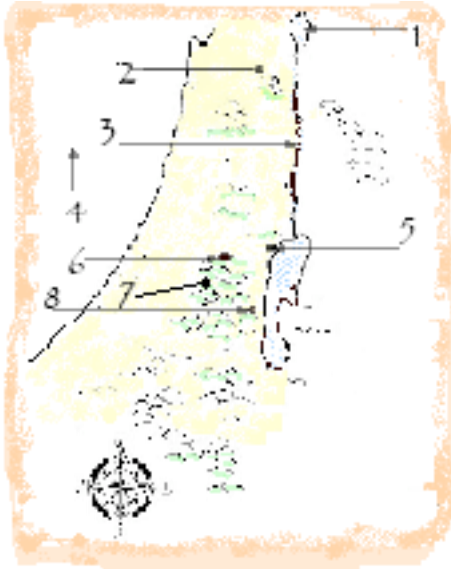
1) Matt 16:13-20

2) Gen 2:7

3) Rev 13:18

1. You are "Rock" (Peter) and on this "Rock" I will build my church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it....Jesus makes Peter the rock of the Church and promises that his Church will endure even the "gates of hell." This scripture is one of the basis for the belief in Papal Infallibility. If the rock foundation of the Church fails, the church fails and Jesus is proven a liar. Thus, Catholics believe that Peter and his successors are guarded from leading the Church into errors, NOT because they are good men, but because of the promise of Christ to us.
2. God formed man out of the clay of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life... This image reinforces Gen 1:27 showing that human beings carry God within us.
3. A certain wisdom is needed here...the number of the beast is 666." This cryptic passage is a great example of how useful and important it is to know the context of a passage (it's historical and cultural background). Knowing the language of John (Hebrew) the history of Christians in the Roman world AND the custom of associating names with numbers found in ancient graffiti. 666= Nero Caesar. See your notes for a complete explanation if you need to.

## Some Geography of the Bible



1. Sea of Galilee
2. Nazareth
3. Jordan River
4. Mediterranean Sea
5. Qumran
6. Jerusalem
7. Bethlehem
8. Masada

**Two things to note about this: 1) This land has been established as “Jewish” land since David (1,000 BC) 2) It was strategically important because it was a “jugular vein” of trade between great empires in three continents: Europe, Asia and Africa.**

Israel is smaller than 41 U.S. states and is situated between three continents. It is roughly the size of Connecticut. You can travel across the width of the country in 8 minutes by plane and the length of it in 8 hours by car.

### Other Map Notes:

- Note that Abraham came not from “Ur” in Sumeria, but from Ur-fa in Southern Turkey. The Ruins of the great Tower of Babel is in Ur - Ancient Sumeria, Modern southern Iraq.

**ESSAY: Contrast the Secular vs the (Judeo-Christian) paradigms of life. Explain what a paradigm is and paradigms affect us, then here are some thoughts, but there's more to be said in your OWN unique way. (Standard Five Paragraph Essay)**

**What is the difference between a purely secular paradigm of the world and the Judeo Christian paradigm?**

-From a secular paradigm, the more you study the universe, the more what tends to happen?

--The more insignificant human life becomes. Why? Because the secular paradigm promotes the idea that human life is purely the product of impersonal, irrational forces of nature.. in other words, human life is an accident. A rock, a tree and a snail, like human life itself, are the results of arbitrary , accidental forces.

**What is the psychological result of this?** It renders human life as ultimately meaningless. Human life is not an essential part of creation and has no INTRINSIC value. People then tend to emphasize what is left, i.e, the EXTRINSIC qualities (money, power, clothes, popularity, looks, profession, fame , I.Q. etc...) In addition to this, Human Rights do not REALLY exist, they come from the state and can be taken away by the state which creates them in the first place) Human beings came out of chaos and will return to it.

**How does the Judeo-Christian paradigm differ from this?**

-From the Judeo-Christian paradigm, the more you study the universe, the more significant human life becomes. Within creation, human life is at the very center, serving God. Each human life has an immeasurable INTRINSIC value, since each person is the unique, and irreplaceable expression of Divine Love. The human person carries within him/her the Divine Image (**Gn 1:27**, the Spirit-Breath of God **Gn 2:7**) Rights come from God and are inalienable. The job of the state is to protect God-given rights. The state does not create them, therefore the state cannot take them away without a just cause and through a just process. The value of your life is INTRINSIC to you and goes far beyond the "accidents" of your existence (money, power, looks etc...) Each life has eternal consequences and an eternal value and destiny.

**Further, it seems that church going and prayer which are a natural outgrowth of the Judeo-Christian paradigm offer society and individuals a whole host of benefits such as:**

- longer lives (c. five years)
- happier marriages
- lower incidents of substance abuse
- lower divorce rates
- happier marital intimacy
- A recent study completed at Duke University showed that not going to church puts you in the same health risk category as someone who smokes a pack a day of cigarettes for 15 years.

You'll have to review the God Evidence on Prayer to back this up. Hopefully, this will point you, at least, in the right direction.