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Fall 2026 Course and
Lecture Series
Wed. 6:30 - 9:15 PM
Prof. Michael Zank

Does Religion Need Philosophy?

A Reading of HEIDEGGER

Reading PAUL

In this seminar, we will slow-read Heidegger's Winter 1920-21 lectures on the Phenomenology of Religion where he slow-reads Paul's Letters to the Galatians and Thessalonians, the oldest texts in the New Testament, and works out the difference between then dominant historicist, theological, and philosophical readings (Troeltsch, Harnack, Dilthey) and his own phenomenological approach, based on Husserl.

Accompanied by:
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"Heidegger and Paul"

Concurrent public guest-lectures will enhance the seminar by providing in-depth analysis of various themes, including other existentialist readings of Paul and the New Testament (Barth, Bultmann), phenomenology (Husserl), contexts of the early Heidegger, and the legacy of Paul in modern western philosophy.



Course: Heidegger's Lectures on the Phenomenology of Religion (Topics in Philosophy & Religion) PH 456/656 & RN 397/697



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