

Midterm Notes

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- Theology
 - study of god
- Myth
 - created over many years throughout many different cultures
 - Theology is faith seeking understanding
 - SOURCES
 - The Bible
 - Collection of books
 - Divided into the old testament and new testament
 - Bible is the word of god in the words of humans
 - The Old Testament
 - 39, 46, or 50 books
 - All written before Jesus came
 - Written in Hebrew
 - Gn 3:2 means genesis chapter 3, verse 2
 - The New Testament
 - 27 books (includes many letters)
 - All written in Greek
 - Apostolic
 - Catholic
 - Orthodox
 - Oriental
 - Historical
 - Protestants
 - Lutherans
 - Anglican
 - Evangelic
 - Baptists

- Pentecostals
- Mythology
 - Should be a story
 - Transmitted orally for a long time
- Allegory Mysticism
 - Allegory: story, poem, or picture to be studied to reveal a hidden meaning
 - Allegory of the Cave
- Hesiod
 - Lived around the time of Homer
 - Place: Ascra, Mt. Helicon's Valley
 - Presents himself as a herder and farmer- receives inspiration from this
 - His poems are meant to answer questions of how and why things happen
 - Uranus and Gaea
 - Gaea takes her first born and decides to take him as her consort
 - Uranus hates his Children, and hides his children in the depths of the Earth
 - Cronus, his last son, saves the day by emasculating his father (cutting off his penis) just before he was about to have intimate relations
 - The blood that spills out from his penis impregnates Gaea
 - Cronus throws Uranus genitals into the sea and then Aphrodite is born
- Greek Myth
 - God's mate with one another to create new life
 - Those children control certain aspects in the universe
- Cronus and Rhea
 - They bear a lot of children, known as the Olympian gods!
 - Cronus swallows his children

- Before Rhea delivers Zeus, Gaea and Uranus help Rhea and the child slip away to Crete, where Zeus is placed under the care of Gaea
 - Cronus swallows a piece of cloth thinking it's his last child
- Gods Vs. Titan Gods
 - Zeus releases all the titans Uranus put into the depths of the Earth
- Issac The Syrian
 - Theologian best remembered for his written works on Christian asceticism
- Ambrose of Milan
 - Theologian and Bishop of Milan
 - Moses spoke to god not through a dream or a vision, but my mouth to mouth
- Basil the Great
 - Greek Bishop
 - Moses was an angel and saw God face to face so he could tell us about it
- Augustine of Hippo
 - Early Christian theologian and philosopher whose writings influenced Christianity as now
- GN 1:1
 - God created heaven and earth through the Word
 - God made heaven not in the beginning of time, but in the beginning of Jesus
- GN 2:2
 - Earth without form, spirit of god was moving over the water
- Creation of the World
 - God creates out of nothing, in a sheered generous non-violent act
 - Greek myth has a lot of violence, and order is only from violence, whereas this creation is peaceful and generous
 - The verb bara, create, does not necessarily mean creation out of nothing, but is used exclusively in the bible for god's act of creation

- Theological theme in genesis 1: God created the world through the Word in a non-violent act of love
 - Second theme: announces the anti-idolatry principle, nothing in this world is god, the true god is the creator of all things not to be worshipped
- God creates man and woman
 - GN 1:26–27
 - Men and women were created by god
 - We were created to act as God, loving unconditionally and being kind in the way God is
- Plants and fruit are food for humans and beasts
- God sees that creation is very good
- God rests on the seventh day
- God forms man out of dust
- When they ate the apple, they stopped having mutual love with god and started to love themselves arrogantly
- Maximus View
 - Genesis: as a movement of God's diving will
 - Kinesis: movement towards God
 - Stasis: is what creation strives for, in God