

## Course Syllabus

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- 10/25      **Framing the Question: What's Worth Wanting & Three Dimensions of a Life Worth Living**  
Rob Riemen, *Nobility of Spirit: A Forgotten Ideal*, 83-96  
Croasmun, Correll, McAnnally-Linz, "Three Aspects of (the Good) Life," from *Pedagogy of the Good Life*  
Robert Nozick, "The Experience Machine," *Anarchy, State, and Utopia*, 42-45  
Martha Nussbaum, *Therapy of Desire*, 359-366, 386-401  
Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, excerpts
- 11/1        **Utilitarianism & Expressive Individualism**  
John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism*, "What Utilitarianism Is"  
Peter Singer, *The Life You Can Save: Acting Now to End World Poverty*, 3-22  
Charles Taylor, *The Ethics of Authenticity*, 13-41
- 11/8        **Individualism & Collectivism: Rousseau and Confucius**  
Confucius, *The Analects*, 1-2, 7, 12-14  
Philip Ivanhoe, "Conceptions of Self, Society, and World," *Confucian Reflections*, 17-30  
Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Emile*, Book IV (selections)
- 11/15      **A Called Life: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam**  
Genesis 12:1-4, Mark 1:16-20, Surah 96 (including introduction from *The Study Quran*)  
Abraham Heschel (introduction by Susannah Heschel), *The Sabbath: Its Meaning for Modern Man*, vii-32, 95-101  
Miroslav Volf and Matthew Croasmun, *For the Life of the World*, "A Vision of Flourishing"  
Asad Tarsin, *Being Muslim: A Practical Guide*, 1-10
- 11/29      **Secularisms: Nietzsche & Scientific Naturalism**  
Friedrich Nietzsche, *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, selections  
Friedrich Nietzsche, *The Gay Science*, selections  
Carl Sagan, *Pale Blue Dot*, 1-55
- 12/6        **Disagreeing Well: Contending Particular Universalisms**  
Miroslav Volf and Matthew Croasmun, *For the Life of the World*, "The Challenge of Universality"  
Miroslav Volf, *Flourishing*, "Introduction: Where I Stand"  
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