

THE ONE-DAY NEW TESTAMENT

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Description

This seminar is an opportunity to consider the New Testament in a relaxed yet focused environment. What exactly is this work and where did it come from? Who wrote it? What are the main ideas contained in it? This one-day course will discuss these and other questions through a hands-on introduction to, and an overview of, one of the cornerstones of Western civilization and the “Abrahamic religions.” *No prior knowledge or experience of any kind is required, although completion of the advance readings is expected. The reading assignment will be posted online at least one month before the seminar date.*

Books

- 1) Akenson, Donald. *Surpassing Wonder: The Invention of the Bible and the Talmuds*. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 2001. (ISBN: 978-0226010731)
- 2) Bible (Any Adult Edition)

Advance Reading Assignment

- 1) *Surpassing Wonder*, Chs. 5-9, Appendix D
- 2) 1-2 Chronicles (Hebrew Bible / Old Testament)
- 3) Isaiah 1-12, 45 (Hebrew Bible / Old Testament)
- 4) Matthew
- 5) John
- 6) Luke 1-3; Acts 6-9
- 7) Romans 1-11
- 8) Hebrews
- 9) Revelation

Handouts

- 1) Charts (2)
- 2) Chronologies (1)
- 3) Maps (1)
- 4) Creeds (1)

Schedule

| TIME | TOPIC | SUGGESTED PREP |
|-------------|---|--|
| 10:00-10:15 | <u>WHAT'S AHEAD?</u> Agenda & Introductions | |
| 10:15-11:15 | <u>WHAT IS IT? Lecture 1</u> Contexts & Issues; Composition & Canonization; Subsequent History; Content & Structure; Personalities: Jesus, Peter, Paul, Church Fathers; Gospels; Christian Bible for Planet Earth A) Isaiah 1-12, Jeremiah 31:31 B) 1 Corinthians 15, Galatians 1, Acts 9 | Akenson 5-9 1-2 Chronicles Isaiah 1-12 Luke 1-3 Acts 6-9 |
| 11:15-12:15 | <u>WHAT IS IT? Discussion 1</u> Close Reading of the New Testament: Epistles of Paul C) Romans 1-11 | Romans 1-11 |
| 12:15-1:45 | LUNCH | |
| 1:45-2:45 | <u>WHAT'S IN IT? Lecture 2</u> Key Themes of the New Testament D) Romans, Hebrews, Revelation | Romans 1-11 Hebrews Revelation |
| 2:45-4:00 | <u>WHAT'S IN IT? Discussion 2</u> Close Reading of the New Testament: Gospels of Jesus E) Matthew F) John | Isaiah 45 Matthew John |
| 4:00-4:15 | BREAK | |
| 4:15-4:30 | <u>WHAT'S NEXT?</u> Review and Suggestions for Further Study | |