

Neighbor-Love: A Revolutionary Idea that Could Save Our World

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Course Reading List

Lecture 1: The Crisis and Hope of Humanity

Recommended Reading:

1. Carter Lindberg, "A World without Love? The Greco-Roman World and Early Christianity," in *Love: A Brief History through Western Christianity* (London: Blackwell, 2008), pp. 36-41, 48-50. The PDF includes more pages, so please scroll to these specific pages.
2. *Enuma Elish* in Alexander Heidel, *The Babylonian Genesis: The Story of Creation*, Second Edition (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 1951), pp. 42 and 46.
3. Plato and Aristotle Handout:
 - a. Plato, *Republic*, Book II, 371e (on servants); Book III 410a (on the sick); Book V, 459e and 461c (on eugenics and infanticide); Book V, 460c (on the deformed)
 - b. Aristotle, *Politics*, Books 1.2–7; 3.14.
4. Larry Siedentop, "The Ancient Family," "The Ancient City," and "The Ancient Cosmos" in *Inventing the Individual: The Origins of Western Liberalism* (London: Penguin, 2015), pp. 7-47.

Lecture 2: Origins of Neighbor-Love: The Hebrew Bible

Recommended Reading:

1. Neighbor-Love in Scripture, Part 1 (pages 1-8).
2. Carter Lindberg, "Biblical Views of Love," in *Love: A Brief History through Western Christianity* (London: Blackwell, 2008), pp. 19-27. The PDF includes more pages, so please scroll to these specific pages.

Lecture 3: Jesus: The Revolution of Neighbor-Love

Recommended Reading:

1. Neighbor-Love in Scripture, Part 2 (pages 9-11). The PDF includes more pages, so please scroll to these specific pages.
2. Carter Lindberg, "Biblical Views of Love," in *Love: A Brief History through Western Christianity* (London: Blackwell, 2008), pp. 27-32. The PDF includes more pages, so please scroll to these specific pages.
3. PHEME PERKINS, "The Double Love Commandment" and "Love of Enemies," in *Love Commands in the New Testament* (New York, NY: Paulist Press, 1982), pp. 10-26 and 27-41.

Lecture 4: The Revolution Continues: Neighbor-Love in the New Testament

Recommended Reading:

1. Neighbor-Love in Scripture, Part 3 (pages 12-17). The PDF includes more pages, so please scroll to these specific pages.
2. Carter Lindberg, "Biblical Views of Love," in *Love: A Brief History through Western Christianity* (London: Blackwell, 2008), pp. 32-37. The PDF includes more pages, so please scroll to these specific pages.

Lecture 5: 20 Centuries: The Red Thread of Neighbor-Love

Recommended Reading:

1. Carter Lindberg, "A World without Love? The Greco-Roman World and Early Christianity," in *Love: A Brief History through Western Christianity* (London: Blackwell, 2008), pp. 41-48. The PDF includes more pages, so please scroll to these specific pages.
2. *The Didache* in *The Apostolic Fathers*, Vol. 1, trans. Kirsopp Lake (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1985), especially pp. 309 and 311-313 (ignore Greek). The PDF includes more pages, so please scroll to these specific pages.
3. *The Epistle to Diognetus* in *The Apostolic Fathers*, Vol. 2, trans. Kirsopp Lake (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1985), pp. 351-353 and 359-361 (in first PDF) and 373 (in second PDF). The PDFs includes more pages, so please scroll to these specific pages.
4. St. Augustine, *On Christian Teaching*, trans. R.P.H. Green (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 1997), Book 1, pp. 8-29.
5. St. Augustine, *Homilies on the First Epistle of John*, *The Works of Saint Augustine* I/14, trans. Boniface Ramsey (Hyde Park, NY: New City Press, 2008), pp. 30-31, 78-79, 82-86, 96-97, 106-107, 110-130, 143-144, 152-155.
6. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, in Five Volumes, trans. Fathers of the English Dominican Province (New York, NY: Benziger Brothers, 1947), pp. 1280-1287. Question 25 (Of the Object of Charity), especially Article 6 (Whether We Ought to Love Sinners out of Charity?), Article 8 (Whether Charity Requires That We Should Love Our Enemies?), Article 9 (Whether It is Necessary for Salvation That We Should Show Our Enemies the Signs and Effects of Love?)
7. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, in Five Volumes, trans. Fathers of the English Dominican Province (New York, NY: Benziger Brothers, 1947), pp. 1289-1299: Question 26 (Of the Order of Charity), especially Article 2 (Whether God Ought to Be Loved More than Our Neighbors?), Article 4 (Whether Out of Charity, Man Ought to Love Himself More than His Neighbor?), Article 6 (Whether We Ought to Love One Neighbor More than Another?), Article 7 (Whether We Ought to Love Those Who Are Better More than Those Who are More Closely United to Us?), Article 8 (Whether We Ought to Love More Those Who Are Connected with Us By Ties of Blood?), Article 10 (Whether a Man Ought to Love His Mother More than His

- Father?), Article 11 (Whether a Man Ought to Love His Wife More than His Father and Mother?), Article 12 (Whether a Man Ought to Love More His Benefactor than One He has Benefited?).
8. Martin Bucer, *Instruction in Christian Love*, trans. Paul Fuhrmann (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2008 [1523]), 21-52.
 9. Martin Luther, "Whether One May Flee from a Deadly Plague" (1527) in *Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings*, Second Edition, Edited by Timothy F. Lull (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2005), pp. 479-488.
 10. Martin Luther, "On the Jews and Their Lies" (1543), pp. 30-32.
 11. Friedrich Nietzsche:
 - a. *On the Genealogy of Morals*, edited and translated by Walter Kaufmann (New York, NY: Vintage, 1969), pp. 46-48 and 134-136 (§18). The PDF includes more pages, so please scroll to these specific pages.
 - b. *Beyond Good and Evil*, edited by Rolf-Peter Horstmann and Judy Norman, translated by Judith Norman (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2005), pp. 33-34 (§33), 40 (§43), 63 (§104), 71 (§162), 88-91 (§§201-202).
 - c. *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, in *The Portable Nietzsche*, edited and translated by Walter Kaufmann (New York, NY: Penguin, 1982), pp. 172-174 ("On Love of the Neighbor").
 12. Sigmund Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents*, trans. Joan Riviere (New York, NY: Doubleday, 1958), pp. 55-67, 100-105.
 13. Søren Kierkegaard, *Works of Love*, trans. Howard and Edna Hong (New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers, 2009 [1847]), 23-40, 58-72, 73-98.

Lecture 6: Modern Masters of Neighbor-Love

Recommended Reading:

1. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "Service" in *Life Together* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1996), pp. 93-107.
2. Martin Luther King, Jr., "On Being a Good Neighbor," "Love in Action," "Loving Your Enemies" in *Strength to Love* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2010), pp. 21-52.
3. Mother Teresa, "On Love" and "On Giving" in *No Greater Love*, edited by Becky Benenate and Joseph Durepos (Novato, CA: New World Library, 1989), pp. 20-49.
4. Oscar Romero, "A Prophetic, Sacramental, Loving Church," sermon from September 10, 1978 available online at romerotrue.org.
5. Jean Vanier, *Encountering 'the Other'* (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2005), 1-57.

Lecture 7: Neighbor-Love Now: A Humble/Dangerous/Hopeful New Beginning for Humanity

Recommended Reading:

1. Wayne Gordon, *Who Is My Neighbor? Lessons Learned from a Man Left for Dead* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks, 2010). Excerpt available at

https://books.google.com/books?id=fT5bv3SzhQcC&printsec=frontcover&dq=Gordon,+Who+is+my+neighbor?&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwj0zrKFptrfAhVr_IMKHfmHCX4Q6AEIKjAA#v=onepage&q=Gordon%2C%20Who%20is%20my%20neighbor%3F&f=false.

- 2.** Wayne Gordon and John Perkins, *Making Neighborhoods Whole: A Handbook for Christian Community Development* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2013). Excerpts available at

<https://books.google.com/books?id=vYECAQAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=Making+Neighborhoods+Whole:+A+Handbook+for+Christian+Community+Development&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwj6h7WrptrfAhVGyoMKHVSKBhkQ6AEIKjAA#v=onepage&q&f=false>.

- 3.** Gary Haugen, “Loving God and Our Neighbor,” in *Just Courage: God’s Great Expedition for the Restless Christian* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2008), 73-81.

Available online at

https://books.google.com/books?id=-aP2zgdA0O4C&printsec=frontcover&source=gb_s_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false.

