

The following messages were shared in the Zoom chat. Please note that many of these chat messages are questions or comments that were then addressed or answered during the class session. Some messages have been removed because they were technical in nature.

In reference to the values survey:

Christina Turner I both appreciated & found it challenging that I didn't have time to think about the answers that much. It would be interesting to see how my answers would have been different if I'd had longer to think about them. (What is the "theologically correct" answer - particularly around if human beings are intrinsically good/fundamentally sinful.) But maybe my first answers might have been the truest to how I see God and the world.

In reference to the worldview perspectives:

Julie Wagner Our Deepest Fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our Light, not our darkness that most frightens us.

Carolyn Coleman Where do the animistic/shamanic traditions fall into this circle?

Lisa Montuori Trimble I think "we" (axiology) in many indigenous cultures also include non-human animals and the natural world.

Jim Daniels Would Western Phil say there is a place where "goodness" or perfection is depleted through the emanations?

Lisa Montuori Trimble Does the World Soul emanate from the Nous or from the Good directly?

Sherieta Neleigh You have said this chain connects with Christianity, which I agree. I wonder though, about the Torah, and the Hebrew (pre-Hellenistic) foundations which seem to have several similarities.

Lisa Montuori Trimble In this model, does the material world influence the soul world? Is there a sense of the Good as manifested in the Material world, also present in the material world, or is it more separated?

Sherieta Neleigh Brings to mind the Id, Ego, and Superego of psychoanalytic thought

Russell Hart Replying to "Brings to mind the Id, Ego, and Superego of psycho...":
Ignatius' three powers of the soul, intellect, memory and will?

Sherieta Neleigh Socrates was the first apologist?

James Bernhardt The incarnation transforms our thinking about the good.

Lisa Montuori Trimble Our modern understanding of physiology now reinforces the connection of body/soul - that what we once saw as non-physical things about us - e.g. feelings, perceptions, memories - also exist as very physical realities.

Rhonda Bletsch Theodicy was very much a Hebrew issue.

James Bernhardt I appreciate how churches, often RC churches, in Central America accommodate expressions of indigenous peoples' Christian devotion alongside long standing RC traditional expressions. I like that Platonic reason lives next to indigenous expression.

MaryAnn Piccioni unbutu

Julie Wagner Ubuntu -"I am because we are"

James Bernhardt Ted Lasso: "Be curious, not judgy"

Christina Turner Replying to "Ted Lasso: "Be curious, not judgy"": I love this quote!

James Bernhardt Brueggemann always warned us of the problem of certitude, and defensiveness about it.

Edna Esquibel Per Google: In Akan philosophy, while there is no direct equivalent to the Christian concept of "missing the mark" (hamartia) as sin against God, the idea of failing to live up to one's moral and social duties is central. A person who repeatedly fails to fulfill their communal obligations and exhibits poor character may be called onipa hun, or a "useless person". This judgment signifies a failure to achieve full personhood through positive social contributions, rather than a failure of inherent status.

Juana Jordan "We are each other's harvest; we are each other's business

Juana Jordan We are each others magnitude and bond, is the ethos of this communal thought

Carolyn Coleman reincarnation is the 1:1 to grace in the west.

TJ Geiger Replying to ""We are each other's harvest; we are each other's ...":
Wonderful poem!

Juana Jordan Replying to ""We are each other's harvest; we are each other's ...":
Yes, I love Gwendolyn Brooks!

Christina Turner Thanks for sharing this poem, Juana - haven't read this one but bookmarked it to sit with later!
<https://poets.org/poem/paul-robeson>

Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000)
First black woman appointed poet laureate of the US

That time
we all heard it,
cool and clear,
cutting across the hot grit of the day.
The major Voice.
The adult Voice
forgoing Rolling River,
forgoing tearful tale of bale and barge
and other symptoms of an old despond.
Warning, in music-words
devout and large,
that we are each other's
harvest:
we are each other's
business:
we are each other's
magnitude and bond.

Sherieta Neleigh The converse could be considered. Who's to say one philosophy is right and one is wrong?

Edna Esquibel Vow of poverty-there is no mine, only our. We have temporary custody of (i.e. the computer I am using is not mine, it is the communities which I have been given temporary use of.

Juana Jordan Sounds a lot like Acts 2 -- we share and no one was not without need.

Sherieta Neleigh Exactly. Adjusting, adapting without compromising who you are and what you are to do. Especially in the idea of unity and community.

Sherieta Neleigh Seek peace and pursue it.

Christina Turner So much of what we're learning about the Akan philosophical tradition illuminates the ethics and theology of the Hebrew Bible... much more communal than individualistic "God and me" theology that pervaded the (predominantly white evangelical) church I grew up in.

Amy Powell A retired navy chaplain once told me that their motto was "Cooperation without compromise". Adjusting without compromising who you are and what you do.

Christina Turner Our group talked about the great cloud of witnesses/saints, too, and how in many of our traditions, we're gathered around the Communion Table with those saints. So rich.

Juana Jordan I classify as an ecclesial mutt, so that resonates Twila

MaryAnn Piccioni Replying to "I classify as an ecclesial mutt, so that resonates...":
me too

Jim Daniels *(In reference to the conversation of comfortable / confident / etc)*
Maybe "comfortable" in my faith...well...maybe not comfortable, but comfortable-ish

Sherieta Neleigh Replying to "Maybe "comfortable" in my faith...well...maybe not com...":
I'm comfortable and I like birds.

Lisa Montuori Trimble Like God's nature - Humble, persevering, loving, patient, kind