Thursday, January 12

Today’s Readings

- Plantinga, Ch. 3, *The Fall*
- From the *DCM Reader*:
  - Chapter 4 Introduction
  - Norris, *Good Old Sin*
  - Schultze, *Civil Sin*

Class

- 2:00–2:15 Devotions, Quiz
- 2:25–3:20 Plenary Lecture: *Can We Still Speak of Sin in a Therapeutic Culture?* Claudia Beversluis
- 3:40–4:50 Probability Questions, Discussion

Looking Forward

For Friday

- Probability problems
- No new readings

For Monday

- Reading notes/study sheets on assigned reading(s). These are to be typed and will be distributed to the entire class next week. You may work in pairs.
- Find an article in a paper, magazine or online that reports on the results of a statistical study. Analyze that article using the “7 critical components” (to be introduced on Friday).
- More probability/statistics problems will be assigned on Friday.

For Tuesday

- view *The Mission*
- Plantinga, Ch. 4, *Redemption*
- From the *DCM Reader*:
  - Chapter 5 Introduction
  - Yancey, *The Good, the Bad, and the Redeemed*
  - Anker, *The Jesuits and the Guarani*
  - Anker, *Redemptive Themes in the Mission* (optional)
Discussion Question: Driving Habits

- You are driving on the highway. The speed limit is 65 mph. How fast do you usually drive? (Perhaps imagine you have cruise control, what speed do you set it for?)
  - Does it matter whether you are on a long trip or a short trip?
- Now imagine you are driving down the highway (at the speed indicated above) and you see a police car half hidden to the side of the roadway up ahead. What is your initial reaction? Why?
- You continue driving. In the last half hour you have seen several cars pulled over by police officers. Does this effect your driving?

Midterm Information

- The Midterm exam will be on Wednesday, January 18. The exam will begin at 2pm. We will reconvene for class at 3:45pm; so you have 1 hour and 45 minutes to take the exam and have a break. (That should be plenty of time.)
- *DCM common material covered.* The in-class portion may include multiple choice, true/false, fill-in the blank, short answer, or similar sorts of question formats covering the readings, class discussions, and plenary lectures through Thursday, January 12.
- *Probability and statistics covered.* The in-class portion will also include some questions on probability and statistics, covering material through Monday, January 16.
- *Midterm essay.* The midterm will also include an essay that you will write ahead of time and turn in at the time of the exam. More details and questions (you will have some choice) to come.
List of Readings and Talks Covered on Midterm

- Plantinga, Preface
- Plantinga, Chapter 1, Longing and Hope
- Plantinga, Chapter 2: Creation
- Plantinga, Chapter 3: The Fall
- Garber, To See What You See
- Colson, What Are We Doing Here?
- Sire, What is a Worldview?
- Fee & Stuart, The Need to Interpret
- Atkins, The Limitless Power of Science
- Gould, Non-Overlapping Magisteria
- Fang Li Zhi, Note on the Interface Between Science and Religion
- MacKay, A Scientist in God’s World
- Niebuhr, Christ Against Culture
- Clapp, Why the Devil Takes VISA
- Norris, Good Old Sin
- Schultze, Civil Sin: Evil and the Purgation in the Media
- Yonke, Pollster says churches put too much value on numbers and Fill minds, then seats
- Carlson, The Truth, But not the Whole Truth
- King, What Are They Thinking?
- Salsbury, The Lady Tasting Tea, Preface and Chapter 1
- Levinson, Chance, Luck, and Statistics, Chapters 1 and 2
- James Bratt, An Education for What? Kuyper and the Project of Christian Higher Education
- Deborah Haarsma, An Astronomer’s View of Creation
- Henk Aay, Subdivide and Conquer (movie)
- Claudia Beversluis, Can We Still Speak of Sin in a Therapeutic Culture?