Syllabus

**Hegel’s Lectures on**

**The Philosophy of Religion**

**(1827)**

(Prague Humanities Institute)

The task of this philosophy course will attempt to provide the student with an introduction to Hegel’s lectures on the philosophy of religion. In the first part of this course we will focus attention upon the first main phase of Hegel’s lectures on the philosophy of religion by providing a brief survey of the religions of China, (Taoism) India, (Hinduism) Tibet,

(Buddhism) as well as the religions of Persia, Syria, and Egypt, before turning to the second main phase of Hegel’s lectures on the philosophy of religion which deals with the religion of “spiritual individuality” exhibited by the Greek, Roman, and Jewish religions. Moreover, in the second part of this course we will focus attention upon the third main phase of Hegel’s lectures on the philosophy of religion by providing students with a survey of Hegel’s presentation of Christianity as the Absolute religion or synthesis of the two earlier phases or stages of the religious consciousnes. We shall conclude the course by discussing Hegel’s transition from the sphere of religion to the sphere philosophy in order to show in what since the Absolute Philosophy is able to think the spiritual content of religion.

**Required texts:**

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