

**TH731: PNEUMATOLOGY**  
**PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary  
Latino & Global Ministries Programs

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January Cohort (January 2022)

Class Dates: Jan 10-15, 2022

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed to study the person and work of the Holy Spirit from a global and ecumenical perspective. This course will provide an overview of 1) the Biblical foundations of understanding the Holy Spirit, 2) the person and work of the Holy Spirit, 3) the movement of the Holy Spirit through Christian history, and 4) a global and contextualized understanding of the presence and manifestation of the Holy Spirit in believers. Lectures, group activities, class discussions, and readings will be utilized to facilitate the conversation in an attempt to gain wisdom, understanding, and new insights on the work of the Holy Spirit in our modern context.

**COURSE TEXTBOOKS (Required)**

Kärkkäinen, Veli-Matti. *Pneumatology: The Holy Spirit in Ecumenical, International, and Contextual Perspective*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2018. (187 pages)  
ISBN: 9780801099465

Moltmann, Jürgen. *The Source of Life: The Holy Spirit and the Theology of Life*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1997. (158 pages) ISBN: 9780800630997

Choose ONE of the following:

Burgess, Stanley M., Editor. *Christian Peoples of the Spirit: A Documentary History of Pentecostal Spirituality from the Early Church to the Present*. New York and London: New York University Press, 2011. (300 pages) ISBN: 9780814799987

Villafañe, Eldin. *The Liberating Spirit: Toward a Hispanic American Pentecostal Social Ethic*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993. (276 pages) ISBN: 9780802807281

**EXTRA CREDIT READINGS (Choose One- 5 points)**

Yong, Amos and Alexander, Estrelida Y. *Afro-Pentecostalism: Black Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity in History and Culture*. New York and London: New York University Press, 2011. (243 pages) ISBN: 9780814797327

Chan, Simon. *Spiritual Theology: A Systematic Study of the Christian Life*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter Varsity Press (IVP), 1998. (239 pages) ISBN: 0830815422

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

The student who successfully completes this course should be able to show the following skills:

1. Understand the Biblical Foundation and Role of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures.
2. Articulate the key components of the Doctrine of the Spirit from a Christian worldview.
3. Recognize the movement and manifestations of the Spirit from a global perspective.
4. Explore the person and work of the Spirit in relation to the life of the Christian.
5. Share the view of the movement of Pentecostalism as it relates to Pneumatology.
6. Investigate the phenomena of Glossolalia as it relates to our understanding of Pneumatology.
7. Apply the knowledge gained in this course to your local church and ministry context.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS Attendance / Class

### Participation (20%)

Students are expected to attend and actively participate in each class. To be “present” means to be physically, emotionally, and spiritually ready to engage in class discussion. Each student is allowed only one absence during the week, but three (3) tardies are also counted as one (1) absence. More than one absence will affect the student’s grade for the course on a prorated scale. For instance, two (2) absences will drop your letter score by one grade.

### Assigned Readings (30%)

At the end of the term, students will submit a **Reading Log** (attached to the back of the syllabus), where they will identify how much of the assigned readings they completed. This may be submitted on *Canvas*.

**Due Date:** January 17, 2022 (Two days following the last class in the course)

### Book Summary-Response (30%) Pre-Course Assignment\*

Students will write a short summary (1,000 words minimum and 1,200 maximum) for each of the two books in the assigned readings: *The Source of Life* and *The Liberating Spirit* or *Christian Peoples of the Spirit*. The first half of the response for each book should be a brief summary of the main idea of each chapter. The second half of the response should be your personal reflection on each book. The report should be typed, **double-spaced**, 1-inch margins, Times New Romans, 12-point font, and justified alignment. These pre-course assignments should all be placed on *Canvas* by each student.

**Due Date (The Source of Life)** – January 10, 2022

**Due Date (The Liberating Spirit or Christian Peoples of the Spirit)** – January 18, 2022

### Group Presentation (20%) In-Course Assignment\*

During class time, students will meet in groups of 3-4 people to prepare a group presentation for the last day of class. The presentation will be 15 minutes, followed by a 15-minute class discussion. Students will write 1-2 questions to lead the class in a discussion.

## GRADING POLICY

Student grades will be determined as follows:

Attendance/Class Participation	20%
Assigned Readings (Extra Credit +5 points)	30%
Chapter Summary-Response	30%
Group Presentation	20%

The following letter grades and their achievement equivalents are used by the instructor to reflect a student's performance in the course:

Grade		Achievement	Quality Points
A+	100-97	<i>Work of exceptional quality</i>	4.00
A	96-93		4.00
A-	92-90		3.70
B+	89-87	<i>Work of commendable quality</i>	3.30
B	86-83		3.00
B-	82-80		2.70
C+	79-77	<i>Work of acceptable but minimal quality</i>	2.30
C	76-73		2.00
C-	72-70		1.70
D+	69-67	<i>Substandard and barely passing work</i>	1.30
D	66-65		1.00
D-	64-63		0.70
F	62-00	<i>Failure</i>	0.00

**Warning on Plagiarism:** Helpful guidelines on plagiarism can be found here:

[http://www.gordonconwell.edu/hamilton/current/documents/hamreg\\_plagiarism.pdf](http://www.gordonconwell.edu/hamilton/current/documents/hamreg_plagiarism.pdf). The document has the official recognition of the Gordon-Conwell faculty and provides very helpful tools to guide you as you prepare for your assignments. If a student is caught plagiarizing, the student will receive the consequences in accordance with the process established by the seminary.

**Intellectual Property Rights:** To protect the professor's intellectual property rights with regard to classroom content, students are asked to refrain from audio/video recording of classes, sharing written publications (including internet posting and broadcasting) or live transmission of classroom sessions. PowerPoints will be distributed to students on *Canvas*, but cannot be shared with others outside this cohort.

## COURSE SCHEDULE

### Day 1 (Monday, January 10, 2022, 6 pm – 10 pm ET)

#### *Topics for Discussion:*

- Course Introduction / Review Syllabus & Canvas
- Introduction to Pneumatology
- Group Presentations Introduction and Formation of Teams
- *Class Break- 15 minutes*
- The Person of the Spirit
- The Holy Spirit in the Historical Context of Pneumatology

### Day 2 (Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 6 pm – 10 PM ET)

#### *Topics for Discussion:*

- The Pneumatological Experience/ Baptized with the Holy Spirit and Fire
- Misperceptions about Pneumatology (Work of the Spirit)
- *Class Break- 15 minutes*
- Appraisal of Pneumatological Hermeneutics
- Time to work on and prepare Group Presentations

**Day 3 (Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 6 pm – 10 PM ET)**

*Topics for Discussion:*

- Liberation, Prosperity, Social Gospels, and Exorcism
- Disability, Trauma and Divine Healing ▪ Group Activity
- *Class Break- 15 minutes*
- Deconstructing Legalism
- Continue work on Group Presentations

**Day 4 (Thursday, January 13, 2022, 6 pm – 10 PM ET)**

*Topics for Discussion:*

- The Pneuma and the Latino Experience and Development
- The Pneuma and the African Experience and Development
- *Class Break- 15 minutes*
- The Pneuma and the Asian Experience and Development
- The Pneuma and the Emerging North American Phenomena
- Continue work on Group Presentations

**Day 5 (Friday, January 14, 2022, 6 pm – 10 PM ET)**

*Topics for Discussion:*

- Ecclesiology and Pneumatology (Doctrinal Statements?)
- Glossolalia and Other Phenomenon ▪ Group Activity
- *Class Break- 15 Minutes*
- The Spirit Theology and the Local Church
- Finalize Group Presentations

**Day 6 (Saturday, January 15, 2022, 9 am – 7 pm ET)**

*Topics for Class:*

- Finalize Group Presentations
- Group Presentations Begin
- *Lunch Break- 60 Minutes*
- Group Presentations Continue
- Class Discussion
- Instructor's Final Announcements

**RECOMMENDED RESOURCES:**

Anderson, Allan. *An Introduction to Pentecostalism: Global Charismatic Christianity*. 2nd ed. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2014. (344 pages)  
ISBN: 781107660946

Burgess, Stanley M., Editor. *Christian Peoples of the Spirit: A Documentary History of Pentecostal Spirituality from the Early Church to the Present*. New York and London: New York University Press, 2011. (300 pages)  
ISBN: 9780814799987

- Chan, Simon. *Spiritual Theology: A Systematic Study of the Christian Life*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter Varsity Press (IVP), 1998. (239 pages)  
ISBN: 9780830815425
- Cox, Harvey. *Fire from Heaven: The Rise of Pentecostal Spirituality and the Reshaping of Religion in the Twenty-first Century*. Cambridge, MA: Da Capo Press, 1995. (374 pages)  
ISBN: 9780306810497
- García-Johnson, Oscar. *Spirit Outside the Gate: Decolonial Pneumatologies of the American Global South*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2019. (328 pages)  
ISBN: 9780830852406
- Hinze, Bradford E., and Dabney, D. Lyle. *Advents of the Spirit an Introduction to the Current Study of Pneumatology*. Marquette Studies in Theology; #30. Milwaukee WI: Marquette University Press, 2001. (484 pages)  
ISBN: 9780874626797
- Kärkkäinen, Veli-Matti. *Pneumatology: The Holy Spirit in Ecumenical, International, and Contextual Perspective*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2018. (208 pages)  
ISBN: 9780801099465
- \_\_\_\_\_, and Yong, Amos. *Toward a Pneumatological Theology: Pentecostal and Ecumenical Perspectives on Ecclesiology, Soteriology, and Theology of Mission*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2002. (316 pages)  
ISBN: 9780761823896
- Land, Steven J. *Pentecostal Spirituality: A Passion for the Kingdom*. Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 2001. (223 pages)  
ISBN: 185075442X
- Levison, John R. *Filled with the Spirit*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2009. (500 pages)  
ISBN: 9780802863720
- Miller, Donald and Tetsunao Yamamori. *Global Pentecostalism: The New Face of Christian Engagement*. Los Angeles, CA: University of California Press, 2007. (263 pages)  
ISBN: 9780520251946
- Moltmann, Jürgen. *The Source of Life: The Holy Spirit and the Theology of Life*. 1st Fortress Press ed. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1997. (158 pages)  
ISBN: 9780800630997
- \_\_\_\_\_. *The Church in the Power of the Spirit: A Contribution to Messianic Ecclesiology*. 1st United States ed. New York, NY: Harper & Row, 1977. (430 pages)  
ISBN: 9780800628215

- Pazmiño, Robert W., and Esqueda, Octavio J., *Anointed Teaching: Partnership with the Holy Spirit*, Salem, OR: Publicaciones, Kerigma, 2019. (172 pages)  
ISBN: 9781948578233
- Pinnock, Clark H. *Flame of Love: A Theology of the Holy Spirit*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996. (280 pages)  
ISBN: 9780830815906
- Rambo, Shelly. *Resurrecting Wounds: Living in the Afterlife of Trauma*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2017.  
ISBN: 9781481306812
- Saint Athanasius the Great. *Works on the Spirit: Athanasius the Great & Didymus the Blind*. Yonkers, NY: SVS Press, 2011. (243 pages)  
ISBN: 9780881413793
- Saint Basil the Great, *On the Holy Spirit*. Yonkers, NY: SVS Press, 2011. (118 pages)  
ISBN: 9780881418767
- Villafañe, Eldin. *The Liberating Spirit: Toward a Hispanic American Pentecostal Social Ethic*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993. (276 pages)  
ISBN: 9780802807281
- Wariboko, Nimi. *The Split God: Pentecostalism and Critical Theory*. SUNY Series in Theology and Continental Thought. Albany, NY: State University of New York, 2018. (262 pages)  
ISBN: 9781438470191
- \_\_\_\_\_, and Yong, Amos. *Paul Tillich and Pentecostal Theology: Spiritual Presence & Spiritual Power*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2015. (266 pages)  
ISBN: 9780253018021
- \_\_\_\_\_. *The Pentecostal Principle: Ethical Methodology in New Spirit*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2012. (247 pages)  
ISBN: 9780802866974
- Welker, Michael. *God the Spirit*. Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 2004. (376 pages)  
ISBN: 9780800627669
- Yong, Amos. *The Spirit Poured out on All Flesh: Pentecostalism and the Possibility of Global Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2005. (322 pages)  
ISBN: 9780801027703
- Yong, Amos and Alexander, Estrelda Y. *Afro-Pentecostalism: Black Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity in History and Culture*. New York and London: New York University Press, 2011. (243 pages) ISBN: 9780814797327

## READING LOG

Percentage of *Pneumatology* Read (10 points max): \_\_\_\_\_ %

Percentage of *The Source of Life* Read (10 points max): \_\_\_\_\_ %

Choose ONE of the following:

Percentage of *Christian Peoples of the Spirit* Read (10 points max): \_\_\_\_\_ %

Percentage of *The Liberating Spirit* Read (10 points max): \_\_\_\_\_ %

Additional Extra Credit Reading- Only one extra book (5 points):

Percentage of *Afro-Pentecostalism* Read: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Percentage of *Spiritual Theology* Read: \_\_\_\_\_ %

By signing below, I affirm that the above reading log honestly and accurately reflects my reading for this course.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Attention: This reading log is to be placed on Canvas in a Word document, but **not a pdf** document so it can be graded properly with notes by the professor. It is due no later than January 18, 2022. No exceptions!*