ES/MT665 God’s Economy

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Course Description: In Jewish and Christian theology human economy is subordinate to God’s economy. God creates and imbues that creation with value; humans are to manage that creation with respect for that value and for God’s sovereignty. Historical and contemporary evidence suggests that humans could do better in fulfilling their end of the bargain. Economic injustice abounds globally in greed, poverty, wealth inequality, racial and gender inequality, political upheaval, and fear about an uncertain future. Optimists point hopefully to untapped resources, including human, environmental, and spiritual. To all, Judaism and Christianity say that hope and justice lie in fulfilling our covenant with God. But what does that entail? This course addresses that question.

Course Requirements:

• Reading requirement: Students should expect to read at most 1000 pages of required reading and should come prepared to discuss readings in class.

• Writing requirements: The following writing assignments will be required:
  o Twelve weekly reflection papers, 500 words (maximum) each - (60% of final grade)
  o Final paper, 3000 words (maximum) – (30% of final grade)

• Other activities contributing to final grade: class participation (10% of final grade)

Required Texts:

