

STUFF TO KNOW FOR THE MID-TERM

THEO 211L – THE CREED

1. Be able to write out the Apostles Creed.

The possibility of knowing God

2. Be able to explain the difference between general and special revelation.
3. What is the connection between scripture and tradition?
4. What is the *magisterium*? Be able to explain its connection to scripture and tradition.
5. What is a creed?

God

6. “God’s Existence and God’s Essence are the same thing.” Why is this? How is this different from anything else? Explain your answer with reference to the meaning of the terms “existence” and “essence”.
7. Be able to explain how God’s reply, “I am who I am”, is both an answer and not an answer to Moses’ question regarding God’s name. What is the theological difference between this name and the names of pagan gods?
8. What does it mean when we say “God is love”? What is the connection between this concept and that of the Trinity?

Creation

9. Be able to explain why God created the universe. How is God’s glory related to his love?
10. What do we mean when we say that God created the universe *ex nihilo*?
11. “Creator of heaven and earth” – what do the terms “heaven” and “earth” refer to in this passage?
12. How do angelic intelligence and free will differ from human intelligence and free will?

Evil and salvation

13. Be able to describe the different subdivisions of the concept of evil. What does it mean to say that evil is a privation?
14. How can sin be the root of all evils, even natural?
15. What is original sin? What were the consequences of original sin?
16. How did human culture evolve, given original sin, particularly in its religious dimension? Be able to describe the process of God's attempt to repair the problem by the revelation to Abraham and his descendents.

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary

17. Be able to explain the meaning of the titles "Jesus" "Christ" "Son" and "Lord".
18. Be able to explain the heresies of Docetism, Arianism, Apollinarism, Nestorianism, Monophysitism, and Monothelitism. In particular, be able to explain why the particular heresy was rejected by the Church.
19. In what way can Mary be described as a new "Ark of the Covenant"?

The earthly life and ministry of Jesus

20. What do we mean when we say that "Christ is a mystery"? How does this relate to Christ being the Word (logos) made flesh?
21. Be able to explain the essence of the spirituality of the "hidden life".
22. Both John the Baptist and Jesus preached the Kingdom/Reign of God. What is the relationship and difference between their preaching? In what way can we say that Jesus IS the reign of God?