

Post-Midterm

1) What best describes Cone's main criticism of Niebuhr with regards to the "terrible beauty of the cross?" (Cone, TCATLT)

- a) The failure of Niebuhr to link the crucifixion of Jesus to the experiences of Black Americans being lynched
- b) Niebuhr, when applying the concept of the "terrible beauty of the Cross", was too radical in his approach, alienating potential White supporters
- c) Niebuhr did not believe that salvation from the Crucifixion extended to Black Americans
- d) Niebuhr made various anti-Jewish remarks in his teaching, which muddled his image of fervent social activism during the era of the Civil Rights Movement

2) The crucifixion of Jesus by the Romans in Jerusalem and the _____ are so amazingly similar that one wonders what blocks the American Christian imagination from seeing the connection. (James Cone, TCATLT 31)

A: lynching tree

3) Why does Carroll discourage the usage of the word Holocaust to refer to the events of the Shoah?

- a) Linguistic purity
- b) Holocaust means "burnt offering" in Greek, which implies that the deaths** were a sacrificial offering to God rather than a tragedy
- c) The usage of the word Holocaust is too generic and can simply refer to any mass tragedy – this devalues the mass tragedy that occurred.
- d) Carroll did not do this – rather, he encourages the usage of the word Holocaust

4) How did Carroll characterize the persecution of Christians by the early Roman Empire? (167-168)

- A) Heavily and violently oppressed
- B) Sporadic persecution**
- C) Let alone
- D) Granted autonomy

5) According to Fields/Furious Minds, what is considered a "gynocratic" tenet?

- a) Apathy
- b) Ambition
- c) Empathy**
- d) Strength

6) What is the Publius Paradox as defined by Adrian Vermule?

A legal theory that a constrained government (by constitutional standards) may and must be exceeded into a strong executive during times of exception

7) According to Gorski, a postmillennial view of the "End Times" combined with an interpretation of the Puritan settlement in America as the "Promised Land Story" resulted in what doctrine? (64)

- a) Monroe Doctrine
- b) Manifest Destiny**
- c) Emancipation
- d) Seven Mountain Mandate

8) The Seven Mountain Mandate is a doctrine that calls for Christians to take control of:
(NAME 3/7)

Valid answers: family, religion, education, media, the arts, business, and government

9) Che Ahn, a megachurch pastor, conceived of an American government where Christian Nationalists operated at all levels of government, and that Donald Trump would be an intercessor for Jesus Christ (Taylor Ch. 4)

a) **T**

b) F

10) Does Feucht and his followers view their movement as (Taylor Ch 6)

a) Going with cultural shifts (nonhostile)

b) **Countercultural (world is hostile to them)**

Pre-Midterm (Ruether/Sororkin)

1) To Sororkin, emancipation was (Sororkin Ch 4, 356)

a) **Ambiguous and interminable**

b) A failed attempt stopped by the Nazis

c) Limited in scope

d) Successful and completed

2) The Corpus Juris Civilis (Justinian Code) increased Jewish rights and freedoms (Ruether 195-196).

a) True

b) **False**

1) According to Michels, what is the central question of Jewish American exceptionalism?

A: Why is there no antisemitism in America? pg. 211

2) According to Gahllagher, what is the central tenet of Mystical Body Theology?

A: Everyone baptized as a Christian shares the same physiospiritual being. pg. 7

3) According to Taylor, what charismatic denominational quadrant do "Classical" evangelicals fall in?

A: First quadrant (Noncharismatic, denominational). pg. 21

- 4) According to Taylor, what shift in understanding around Spiritual warfare did Ciny Jacobs initiate for Peter Wagner which they later went on to write about and popularize?
A: "broadening the arena of spiritual warfare from delivering individuals from evil forces to mobilizing spiritual warfare campaigns to target whole nations for deliverance and salvation." Pg 86
- 5) According to Taylor, what constituted the "Toronto Blessing"?
A: "The majority of people present in the church... ecstatically laughing and rolling on the ground". pg. 119
- 6) Project 1619 argues the existence of a continuous legacy of Black slavery being the original sin of the first colonists. Gorski argues that what other act was the second original sin?
A: "the violent expropriation of the indigenous peoples".pg. 48
- 7) What public opinion survey question does Jones point to as being largely predictive of political affiliation?
A: "Do you think that American culture and way of life has changed for the better or changed for the worse since the 1950s?" pg. 5
- 8) According to Cone - "Niebuhr placed____, rather than _____, at the center of Christian social ethics".
A: Justice, Love. pg. 33
- 9) What did Constantine purportedly see before the battle of Milvian Bridge.
A: A cross in the sky. pg. 171
- 10) According to Fields what did the "New Right" oppose, "In brief, they turned against the Reagan/Buckley establishment that had dominated the Republican Party since the 1980s, moving farther right on _____ and _____ and left on _____".
A: social issues, foreign policy, economics. pg. 11
- 11) In Fields - "Political commentators sometimes use the phrase "_____ theory" to explain the connections between the far right and the far left".
A: Horseshoe. pg. 263
- 12) What mythological creatures does Fields compare the new right to.
A: The Furies. pg. 309
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1. Kaplan explains how figural interpretation has been used to justify anti-Judaism within the Catholic Church. How does this theological discrimination relate to modern racism? (p. 10)

A: Kaplan argues that theological discrimination laid the groundwork for racism by establishing the concept of hereditary inferiority.

2. In *Money Lies and God*, Stewart tries to understand why January 6th rioters stormed the Capitol. She cites researchers who found that, based on income and zip code data, rioters likely shared (p.119):

Economic anxiety

Racial anxiety

A combination of both

A: A combination of both

3. After Field studied the post-2016 evolution of the New Right, she found which three key differences between the New Right and its predecessors (p. 15)?

A: The New Right has engaged and savvy young people, is openly misogynistic, and clearly supports Trump.

4. In *Furious Minds*, Field questions the leftist Red Scare podcast for their engagement with far-right figures like BAP. What theory helps explain this phenomenon (p. 263)?

A: The horseshoe theory.

5. Field names the Christian Founding Era (CFE) as the belief that America's founders intended to create a Christian state. Which founders would CFE opponents likely cite (p. 185)?

Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison

A: Washington and Jefferson

6. According to Carroll, why were Jews originally preferred over Christians in the 3rd century Roman Empire (p. 170)?

A: Jews did not evangelize or separate the saved and the damned, they also had "ancient" ties comparable to Pagan religions.

7. Throughout *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, Cone examines theologian Reinhold Niebuhr's complicity in white supremacy. According to Cone, why did Niebuhr fail to take action (p. 61)?

A: He lacked courage, had a lack of empathy, prioritized class solidarity over racial solidarity.

8. In *The Violent Take It by Force*, Taylor explains that prominent televangelist Paula White gained her success in large part due to her support from _____ and her savvy utilization of _____ (p. 26).

A: Black religious leaders, the internet and social media.

9. According to Taylor, New Apostolic Reformation leaders use a “spiritual oligarchy” model of governance. What are the benefits of this model (p. 120)?

A: Not reliant on a single leader, less competition between elites, moves quickly

10. Burley argues that modern antisemitic conspiracy theories often have hidden targets, referencing the “global elite” rather than naming Jews explicitly (p. 118). True / False

A: True

11. Whitehead and Perry claim that Christian Nationalism is more of a _____ identity than a _____ identity (Onishi, p. 17).

A: Cultural, religious.

12. Sorkin argues that the study of Jewish emancipation has been understudied because of its controversial reputation (p. 3). Why is it controversial?

A: It was followed by the Holocaust and represents a certain assimilation and loss of autonomy.

13. In Field, according to Raw Egg Nationalist, why are eggs an anti-globalist food (p. 258)? A: They can't be patented.

1. What is the relation of the Jericho story in the Bible to January Sixth? (Onishi 174-176)
*The Joshua story tells believers that if God has commanded them to take something, they must take it, no matter who or what stands in their way. Hence if America is a Christian nation, then WGNs *must* take what God has commanded them to take and make it pure, even if that means doing a little coup-ing.*

2. How did the CF use Mystical Body theology to justify their Fascist sympathies? (Gallagher 7)
The Mystical Body says that everyone who is baptized as a Christian is part of one great spiritual “body” with Jesus as the head. Hence, if Christians in one place were suffering, all Christians were suffering. This took on greater urgency for men such as Lunn and Coughlin in the 30's, as Communist movements around the world (such as Spain's Popular Front and the Soviets) persecuted Christians. To them, this attack on some Christians became an attack on all Christians via the Mystical Body, and so they had to gather allies to fight back—even if those allies were undemocratic or genocidal.

3. What is the tension between Catholic integralism and the other forms of Christian Nationalism? Between charismatic dominionism and the others? (Saiya 183)
The Catholic integralists see the Catholic Church as the one true church, and Saiya speculates that they would be equally hostile to both non-Christians and other Christian denominations;

additionally, leaders of the other two groups, such as Peter Wagner, were virulently anti-Catholic. The charismatic dominionists are in tension with the other two groups due to their continuationist approach to the church.

4. How do modern conspiracy theories use post-Antisemitism to aid in their proliferation and mainstreaming? (Burley 119)

Post-Antisemitism uses “cultural codes” that replace explicit antisemitism with less overtly charged terms like “globalists” and “elites” without changing the fundamental antisemitic structure of the conspiracies.

5. What are the three “legs” of the NAR that Taylor identifies? (Taylor 88, 113, 142)

Strategic-level spiritual warfare, apostolic and prophetic governance, and political theology

6. What year does Gorski highlight as being a vital turning point in American history?

1. 1619, when the first enslaved Africans were brought to America
2. 1690, when the story of White Protestant chosenness crystalized
3. 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed
4. 1877, when Reconstruction failed

B/ 1690

7. According to Jones, the legacy of _____ is “upstream” of everything else in American history (Jones 25).

Indigenous genocide

8. Cone claims the crucifixion was clearly a first century _____ (Cone 30).

Lynching

9. How did Constantine change the place of the cross in Christian imagination? What symbols were used before his conversion? (bonus: what was Constantine’s cross made of?)

Constantine turned the cross—and hence Christ’s suffering/death— into the central symbol of Christianity, where previously the dominant symbols had been blood and baptismal waters.

Bonus: Constantine’s cross used a spear as its base

10. Which Biblical character was “marked” so that others would know not to kill him, and how was this story made to parallel Jews in medieval Europe? (Kaplan 30)

Cain was marked for killing his younger brother Abel and condemned to wander the world; Cain failed to overcome sin and instead became a servant to it. Medieval theologians argued that the deicide condemned the Jews to a similar position, where by rejecting and killing Jesus the Jews succumbed to sin instead of overcoming it, which then provided the theological basis for Jewish servitude/inferiority.

11. What two factors does Stewart say are a “toxic combination” of anxieties that spur far-right populism (Stewart 188)?

Class anxieties related to the transition to a postindustrial economy and racial anxieties related to diversifying communities.

12. How do the Catholic Integralists define church and state in opposition to each other, and how do they rationalize the Church controlling the state? (Fields 230)

They say that the church has been authorized by God to control spiritual matters, and the state to control “temporal” matters. However, because the church is working towards salvation, it has the authority to direct the state (i.e telling the state to enforce church laws).

1. Based on the texts, why did many White Christian nationalists find Donald Trump’s “barbarism” or sexual transgressions to be a sign of strength rather than a disqualification?

They viewed his hyper-masculine aggression as a sign of prowess and strength [Onishi, 134-135]

2. The theological doctrine of the BLANK was used by Moran and other leaders to argue that the Church was a living entity requiring militant defense.
Mystical Body of Christ [Gallagher, 48]

3. According to Gorski, the “holy trinity” of white Christian nationalism is the peculiar nexus of:

A) Faith, Hope, and Charity B) Freedom, Order, and Violence C) Church, State, and Family D) Tradition, Authority, and Revelation
B) Freedom, Order, and Violence [Gorski 57]

4. In medieval Christian theology, the concept of servitus Judaeorum (Jewish servitude) was often illustrated through the biblical figure of:

A) Abel B) Cain C) Seth D) Noah
B) Cain [Kaplan 3]

5. Patrick Deneen’s camp of thinkers on the “New Right,” which advocates for a greater role for the state in shaping public morality and often embraces Catholic social teaching, is known as:

A) The Claremonters B) The National Conservatives C) The Postliberals D) The Hard Right
C) The Postliberals [Fields 5]

6. What is the specific term used by Taylor to describe the fourth quadrant of American Christianity, which is both charismatic and nondenominational?

Answer: Independent Charismatics [Taylor 149]

7. Which movement uses the "Jericho March" as a strategy for spiritual warfare, involving shofar-blowing and marching around government buildings?

A) The 1776 Commission B) The New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) C) The Southern Baptist Convention D) The Catholic Integralists

Answer: B) The New Apostolic Reformation (NAR)
[Taylor 116]

8. Which "Hard Right" writer, favorite among some GOP staffers, authored Bronze Age Mindset and is associated with a visceral and brutal form of racism?

Answer: Bronze Age Pervert (Costin Alamariu)
[Fields 260, 261]

9. According to the "spirit warriors," evil and demons are most reliably seen in the face of:

A) "The Neighbor" B) "The Expert" (e.g., scientists, professors) C) "The Soldier" D) "The Politician"

Answer: B) "The Expert"*** [Stewart 93]

10. Reinhold Niebuhr's "transvaluation of values" perspective on the cross was a term he derived from:

A) Karl Marx B) Friedrich Nietzsche C) Martin Luther D) James Baldwin

Answer: B) Friedrich Nietzsche [Cone 34]

11. What 15th-century theological and legal framework provided European rulers with an unequivocal justification for the colonial conquest of "newly discovered" lands and peoples?

Answer: The Doctrine of Discovery [Jones 13,14]

12. Before the fourth century, the cross was a ubiquitous and common religious symbol found on the walls of Christian catacombs in Rome.

Answer: False [Carroll 175]

1. How did the Lyndon B Johnson presidential campaign respond to Goldwater's slogan "In your heart, you know he's right"? (Field 27)

a. "In your guts, you know he's nuts."

2. Vermule, who follows pro-authoritarian politics, is quoted in 2020 as saying “Unlike legal liberalism, _____ does not suffer from a horror of political denomination and hierarchy, because it sees that law is parental, a wise teacher and an inculcator of good habits.” (Fields 235)

a. common good constitutionalism

3. In 2023 the World Prayer Network had a livestreamed prayer call with which Republican from the House of Representatives? (Fields 276)

a. Mike Johnson

4. According to Lance Wallnau, which of the 7 mountains has Satan already taken over?

(Stewart 111)

a. Government

b. Media

c. Academics

d. Religion

5. The archvillain globalist billionaire masterminds behind the IMF, the World Bank, and financial elites have been identified as... (Stewart 118)

a. George Soros and the Rothschilds Jewish also works

6. According to Stewart, what is the Las Vegas crowd in the Reawaken America Tour buying? (Stewart 122)

a. Desire for profitable economics, and License for revenge.

b. License to ignore reality, and desire for peace and love.

c. License for revenge, and Desire for peace and love.

d. License to ignore reality, and desire for revenge.

7. Causing some of the Jews to reject the word “holocaust”, the linguistic roots in Greek means... two words (Carroll 11)

a. Burnt offering

8. Saint Helena had what relationship with Roman Emperor Constantine? (Carroll 161)

a. Daughter- Father

b. Mother- Son

c. Sister- Brother

d. Wife- Husband

9. The fight between Marseilles and Constantine turned into a fight between their sponsoring deities of _____ and _____. (Carroll 181)

a. Christ and Heracles

b. The Virgin Mary and Heracles

c. Christ and Apollo

d. The Virgin Mary and Apollo

10. Both the cross and the _____ were symbols of terror, instruments of torture and execution, reserved primarily for slaves, criminals, and insurrectionists. The lowest of the low in society. (Cone 31)

a: lynching tree

11. Ironically, an attendant of this event later described it as a “teenage slumber party with friends but with wine” and a “girls’ trip.” (Onishi 166)

a. January 6th insurrection

12. From the four quadrant model of American Christianity, which one is where the Pentecostal church would align themselves with?(Taylor 6)

a. Noncharismatic/ Denominational

b. Charismatic/ Denominational

c. Noncharismatic/ Nondenominational

d. Charismatic/ Nondenominational

1. Which group within the New Right is described as idolizing the American founding while also signaling their toughness with the phrase “knowing what time it is?”

1. The Postliberals

2. The Hard Right

3. The Claremonters

4. The National Conservatives

Answer: C

2. In the ReAwaken America world, _____ was allegedly found in COVID vaccines.

Answer: Luciferase/Jeffery Epstein’s DNA

3. According to Philip Gorski, what was the first original sin committed?

Answer: The violent expropriation of Indigenous people

4. What is the primary difference between “Calvinist nationalism” and Charismatic dominionism” in regards to social inclusion?

1. Calvinist nationalism is more open to women and minorities

2. Charismatic dominionism generally welcomes women and ethnic minorities, Calvinist nationalism is often racist and misogynist

3. Charismatic dominions is only for White Americans, Calvinist loves minorities

4. There is no different as they both are restrictive against non-White males

Answer: B

5. Which specific biblical verse is used by C. Peter Wagner to justify 'spiritual violence' to take dominion?
1. John 8:9
 2. Ephesians 9:10
 3. Genesis 10:11
 4. Matthew 11:12

Answer: D

6. What is the 'Holy Trinity' of white Christian nationalism as defined by Gorski?
1. Live, love, and laugh
 2. Racism, gender, and sexuality
 3. Freedom, order, and violence
 4. Faith, hope, and charity

Answer: C

7. The “Christian Identity” movement grew out of _____

Answer: British Israelism

8. “Manifest Destiny” a combination of _____

Answer: Postmillennialism and the old Promised Land story

9. What was the significance of the course 'MC510: Signs, Wonders, and Church Growth' at Fuller Seminary?

Answer: It introduced charismatic practices like healing and demon casting to mainstream evangelicals

10. Onishi argues that Christian nationalism fuses the _____ and the _____ as twin pillars of identity.

Answer: cross; flag

11. Why does Ward challenge the assumption that Jews are simply “White” in the U.S.?

Answer: Ward argues that White nationalist ideology defines Jews as a separate and threatening race. This means Jewish “whiteness” is conditional and can be revoked within White supremacist ideology.

*Answers are bolded
Pre-Midterm

1. What instrument was one of the most visible religious symbols throughout the January 6 riots and what was it being used for (Onishi, 172-173)?

Sample Answer: The shofar. An instrument used in Jewish religious rituals, the shofar was appropriated as a weapon of spiritual warfare meant to ward off God's enemies.

2. According to Sorkin, what year did the Jewish emancipation processes begin?
- a. ca. 1470
 - b. ca. 1690
 - c. ca. 1550
 - d. ca. 1380

Post-Midterm

3. Give one definition of Christian Nationalism (God + Country)

Sample answer: A deeply felt emotional connection between the fate of the nation and the fate of the church.

4. What would a Christian nationalist believe after hearing the phrase, "America is in danger" (God + Country)?

- a. The church is in danger
- b. My faith is in danger
- c. My religious liberties are in danger
- d. The right to practice my religion freely is in danger
- e. All of the above

5. True or False: Christian nationalism is largely a political movement. It is an agenda that seeks to change American society through politics (God + Country).

Answer: True

6. Briefly describe Peter Wagner's two paradigm shifts (Wagner, 55-56).

Sample Answer: The first corroborated his early instinct, as a seminary student, that most theological learning was uselessly abstract and irrelevant. He no longer cared what his colleagues said. Wagner's second paradigm shift was more global. Through his friendship with Wimber and four years of watching miracles unfold in class after class, Wagner had become a convinced charismatic. All the other major transitions and paradigm shifts of Wagner's remaining career flowed out of this transformation.

7. Define spiritual warfare (Wagner, 59).

Sample Answer: Spiritual warfare is a common belief and practice among evangelicals across the four quadrants, premised on the theological idea that demons are bent on attacking Christians, who must resist these malign spiritual forces through prayer and other spiritual disciplines.

8. Define culture warriorism (Fields, 4).

Sample Answer: An excessive emphasis on rhetoric and media performance over policy formulation and real-world political negotiation.

9. What are the three groups Fields divides the New Right into? Very briefly describe each of them (Fields, 5).

Sample Answer: The three groups are the Claremonters, the Postliberals, and the National Conservatives.

Claremonters: They idolize the American Founding

Postliberals: They value a religiously inspired conception of the “Common Good”.

National Conservatives: They value the myth of a traditional American nation.

10. Where does the term charismatic come from as it relates to the Christian community (Taylor, 3)?

Sample Answer: It comes from a biblical idea contained in the writings in the New Testament that depict an early Christian church filled with supernatural manifestations and divine interventions.

11. True or false: Denominations evolved to manage Protestant sectarianism (Taylor, 3).

Answer: True

12. What are Independent Charismatics (Taylor, 6)?

Sample Answer: This is a sect of Christians who fall under Taylor’s charismatic, nondenominational quadrant of American Christianity. They enthusiastically embrace and pursue the supernatural expressions of Christianity while also rejecting the bureaucracy and constraints of denominations.