

Civilization Sequence Program 202

Final Examination January 31, 2008

Time: 2½ hours

I. Answer briefly ONLY ONE of the following: 20%

1. Does Luther reject 'good works' in religion?
2. What is the difference between Aquinas' "twofold truth" and Ibn Rushd's "double truth"?

II. Answer ONLY ONE of the following: 20%

1. In what sense is Machiavelli's *The Prince* a product of the Renaissance?
2. How would Aquinas and Ibn Rushd respond to the statement: "Philosophy is the handmaid (servant) of faith."?

III. Answer the following: 40%

"Neither Creator nor his creatures ever,
my son, lacked love. There was, as you well know,
two kinds: the natural love, the rational.

Natural love may never be at fault;
the other may: by choosing the wrong goal,
by insufficient or excessive zeal.

While it is fixed on the Eternal Good,
and observes temperance loving worldly goods,
it cannot be the cause of sinful joys;

but when it turns toward evil or pursues
some good with not enough or too much zeal—
the creature turns on his Creator then."

(Purgatory XVII)

- a. Identify the speaker in this passage and point out what the speaker represents in *The Divine Comedy*.
- b. Explain what these verses are trying to convey to the reader.
- c. Is Purgatory structured according to "love" or "sin"?

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- IV. Choose an author or text that you have read this semester with which you were able to identify most or which you felt came closest to the truth about life, human beings, God, reason, faith, morality, etc., then answer the following: (20%)
- a. Why do you identify most with this author/text? Or why do you feel it comes closest to your own thinking?
 - b. Did you learn anything new from this author/text or has it only confirmed truths you already knew?

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