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FINAL EXAMINATION

C.S. 202
Time: 2.5 Hours

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Sections 4,13

I. Relatively brief answers: (1.5 hours)

- A. Compare Machiavelli with Ibn Khaldun on the subject of *how best to rule* successfully. Evaluate.
- B. Present and discuss Luther's doctrine of *justification by faith alone*:
 - 1. How does he describe the relationship between *Faith* and *Good Works*?
 - 2. How might other monotheist thinkers in his own tradition react to his theory (Augustine, Aquinas or Dante) positively *and* negatively?
- C. Present and discuss Dante's *theory of love* as presented in the *Divine Comedy (Purgatorio)*.

II. Faith and Reason; Revelation and Philosophy. (1.0 hours)

One major difference between Monotheism and the cultures studied in C.S. 201 is *the claim* that God provides Man with answers to his deepest existential questions (like death, immortality, justice, the meaning of life, human destiny, love, evil etc.) *directly* through Revelation (the Holy Books) and through the existential experience and life of Faith.

At the same time, *thinkers* in monotheistic cultures saw in Reason and Philosophy much that could enrich the life of Faith.

Question:

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- A. As you remember the various authors you read during this semester, *which* of them seemed to *make sense* in their attempt to describe the relationship between Faith and Reason (etc.) and *which* of them did you find yourself *disagreeing with*? Be *specific*, and give *reasons* for your selections and judgments.
 - B. How do you think Gilgamesh *or* Oedipus, Socrates *or* Aristotle might have reacted to *the claims* of monotheism?