



CS 202 Final Exam-Spring 1998-Sec. 15

Texts read:

Augustine, Confessions, The City of God; Al-Ghazali, Deliverance from Error; Ibn-Tufayl, Hayy Ibn Yaqzan; Ibn Rushd, The Decisive Treatise; Dante, The Divine Comedy (Purgatory); Aquinas, Summa Contra Gentiles/Summa Theologica; Al-Jahiz, The Book of Animals; Ibn Khaldun, Al-Muqaddimah; Machiavelli, The Prince; Luther, On Christian Liberty

Directions:

Choose two of the following three comparative essay questions. Make sure to have an introduction, a body, and a conclusion. Write concisely, legibly and proofread your essays before turning in your booklet. Good luck!

1. Compare and contrast the Augustinian and the Lutheran conception of man's salvation by concentrating on the issues of free will, good and evil, and love.
2. Both Machiavelli (in The Prince) and Ibn Khaldun (mimeo. selection) - in the form of a letter written by an army general to his son during the reign of Al-Ma'mun - outline the desirable and necessary characteristics in any leader for long and effective rule. Discuss the major similarities and differences between the two political models by referring to their unique premises and goals.
3. Having stressed the limitations of human reasoning, many theological philosophers/poets settled for other means of perceiving God. Why is it difficult, if not impossible, to "see" God? Where and how may He be appreciated by the common man? Choose 1 Christian and 1 Muslim thinker who specified alternative ways for living in divine grace.

