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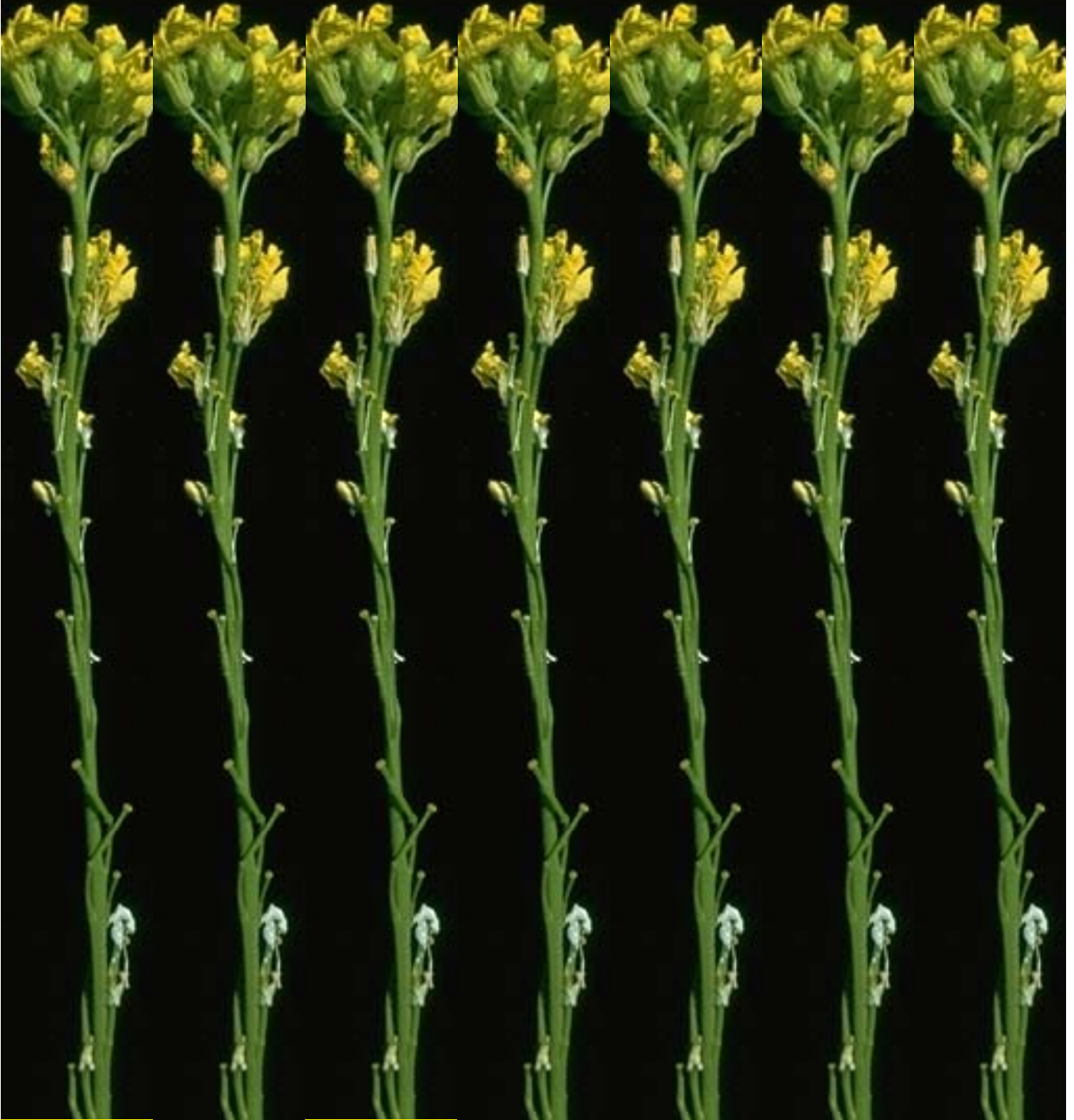
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*This syllabus belongs to:*



**“Consider the past and  
you will know the future. ”**

Chinese Proverb

**“ After all, the ultimate goal of all research is not  
objectivity, but truth. ”**

Helene Deutsch (1884-1982), U.S. psychiatrist.  
*The Psychology of Women*, vol. 1, Preface (1944-45).

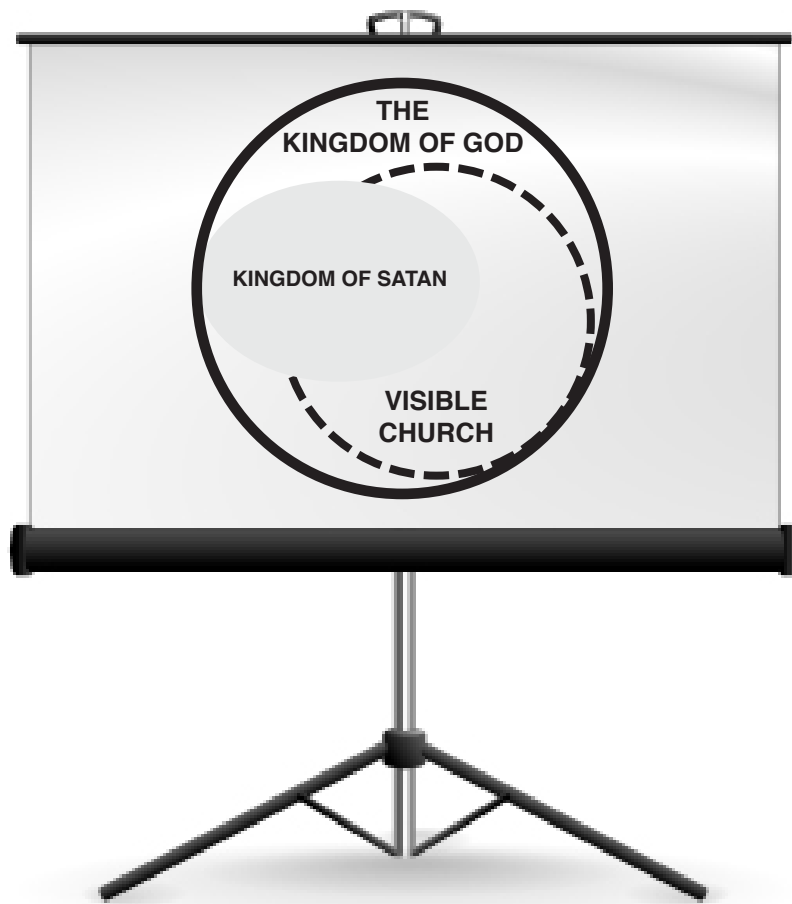
**“To know yet to think that one  
does not know is best;  
Not to know yet to think that one knows  
will lead to difficulty. ”**

Lao-Tzu (6th century B.C.), Legendary Chinese philosopher.  
*Tao-te-ching*, bk. 2, ch. 71 (tr. by T. C. Lau, 1963).

**“For if you cry for discernment,  
Lift your voice for understanding;  
If you seek her as silver,  
And search for her as for hidden treasures;  
Then you will discern the fear of the Lord, And dis-  
cover the knowledge of God. ”**

Proverbs 2.3-5

# *Introductory Material*



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**Mustard Seed Story — Section A**

**“Doubtless we think with only a small part of our past, but it is with our entire past, including the original bent of our soul, that we desire, will and act. ”**

French philosopher, Henri Bergson,  
quoted by Dan Taylor in *The Myth of Certainty*.

**“The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it. ”**

Proverbs 27.12

# *Work Sheets*

Questions for Consideration  
During Class



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**Mustard Seed Story — Section B**

**“ As you look at history, it’s apparent that human behavior is much easier to predict than the weather. ”**

Michael Levine, *Lessons at the Halfway Point*,  
quoted in *Reader’s Digest*, Sept. 96

**“Every time history repeats  
itself the price goes up. ”**

Anonymous.

**“The disadvantage of men not knowing the past is that they do not know the present. History is a hill or high point of vantage, from which alone men see the town in which they live or the age in which they are living. ”**

G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936), British author.

**“History is Philosophy teaching by examples. ”**

Thucydides (c. 460-c. 400 B.C.), Athenian historian.



# *The Christian Centuries*

**Important Dates  
In The History Of The *Ekklesia***



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**Mustard Seed Story — Section C**

**“Our chief interest in the past is as a guide to the future.”**

W. R. Inge (Dean of St. Paul’s),  
*Assessments And Anticipations*, 1929

**“History, by apprizing them of the past, will enable them to judge of the future. ”**

Thomas Jefferson,  
*Notes on Virginia*, 1784

**“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”**

Romans 8.28

# Ancient Documents

Early And Medieval Writings Illustrating The  
Drama Of Christian History



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**Mustard Seed Story — Section D**

**“ All advancement in intelligence and insight depends upon our ability to call in question and reconsider what we have hitherto taken for granted. ”**

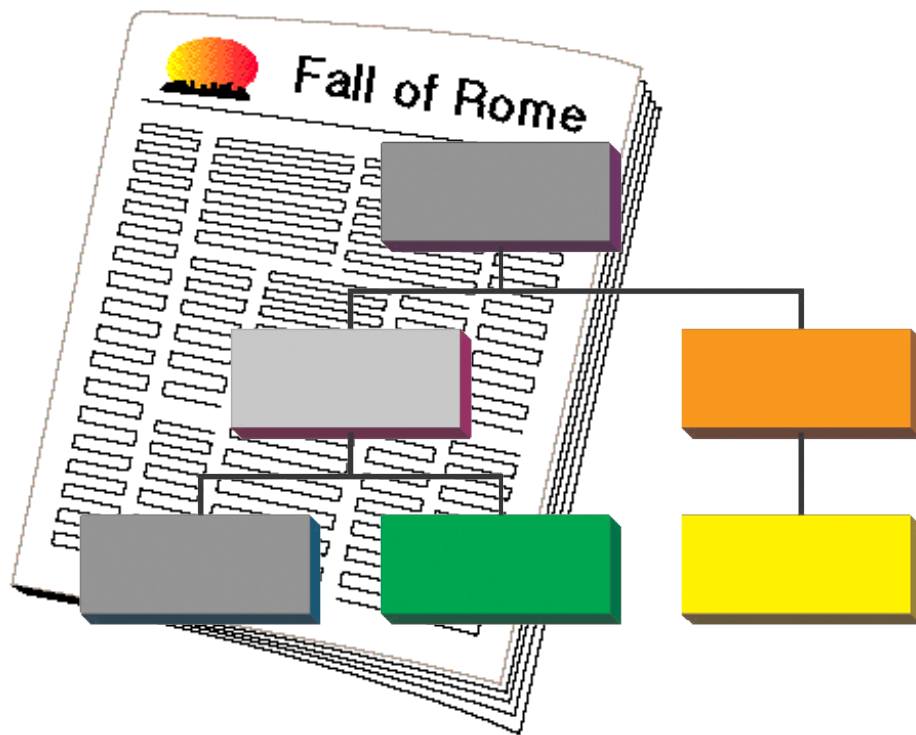
James Harvey Robinson, *The Human Comedy*

**“It is well known that secondary sources are likely to be written to harmonize with generally accepted beliefs and prejudices. Most popular histories, for instance,...make heroes more heroic, villains more wicked, battles bloodier, and peaces more glorious than the best primary sources warrant. In short, they tend to present historical events, not as they were, but as the author likes to think of them, or as he believes his public likes or ought to think of them. ”**

Edwin Clarke, quoted in Ruggiero,  
*The Art of Thinking*

# Charts & Articles

**Lists, Insights and Illustrations**



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**Mustard Seed Story — Section E**

**“History must repeat itself because we pay such little attention to it the first time. ”**

Blackie Sherrod in *Dallas Morning News*

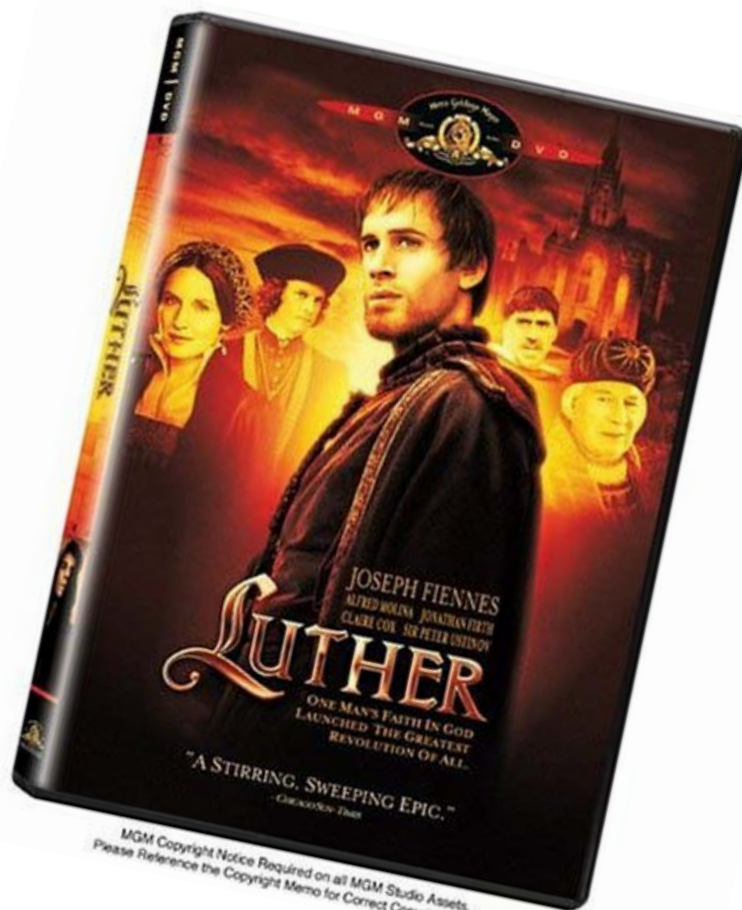
**“There is an aphorism: He who forgets history is condemned to repeat it. If we don’t know our own history, we will simply have to endure all the same mistakes, sacrifices, and absurdities all over again. ”**

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

**“The history of the church should more accurately be called the history of truth. ”**

Blaise Pascal

# Books & Other Resources



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**“The first step in liquidating a people is to erase its memory. Destroy its books, its culture, its history... before long the nation will forget what it is and what it was. ”**

Milan Hubl

**“Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested. ”**

Francis Bacon (1561-1626),  
Essays, “Of Studies” (1597-1625).

**“There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them. ”**

Joseph Brodsky (b. 1940), Russian-born U.S. poet, critic.  
At press conference, Washington, D.C., on acceptance of U.S. poet laureateship.  
Quoted in: *Independent on Sunday* (London, 19 May 1991).



# Glossary



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**“ A word is dead  
When it is said,  
Some say.  
I say it just  
Begins to live  
That day. ”**

Emily Dickinson (1830-86), U.S. poet.  
*The Complete Poems*, no. 1212 (1955).

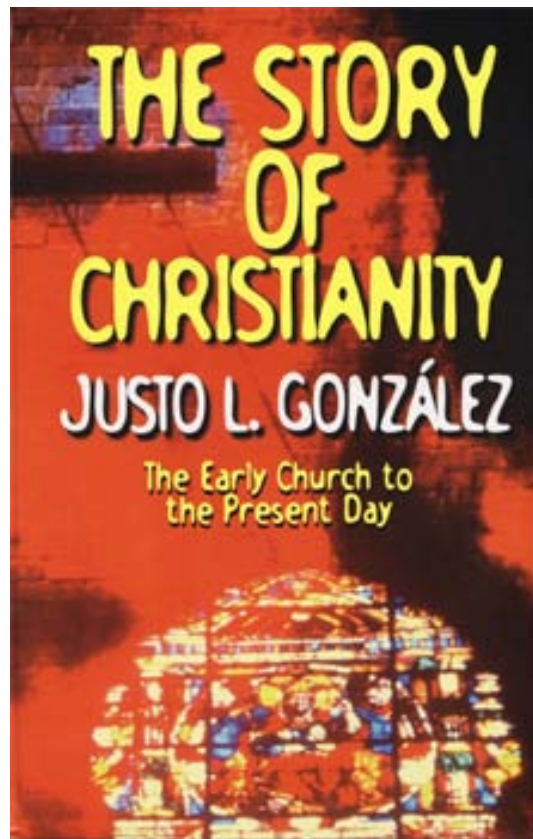
**“ A wise man hears one word  
and understands two.”**

Yiddish Proverb.

**“One forgets words as one forget names.  
One’s vocabulary needs constant  
fertilizing or it will die. ”**

Evelyn Waugh (1903-66), British novelist.  
*The Diaries of Evelyn Waugh* (ed. by Michael Davie, 1976),  
entry for 25 Dec. 1962.

# *Reading Assignments*



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**Mustard Seed Story — Section H**

**“Books give not wisdom where none was before,  
But where some is, there reading makes more.”**

Sir John Harrington: *Epigrams* I

**“I’ve given up reading books;  
I find it takes my mind off myself.”**

Oscar Levant, American pianist, composer and wit

**“Books are lighthouses erected  
in the great sea of time.”**

E. P. Whipple