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The Spiritual Connection between the Egyptians and Jewish

People

This course undertakes an investigation of the intellectual and spiritual exchange that took place between the Jewish and Egyptians. It aims to delineate the depth and influence that such exchange exerted on both communities throughout their historical evolution. First, it carries out a close reading of ancient Egyptian literature and use of hieroglyphics. It then reads closely the Torah and the Hebrew tradition.

Objectives: Students will be fluent in ancient Egyptian literature. Also, students will develop appreciation for the Torah and Jewish tradition while being sensitive to their connection.

Required Reading: (in progress)

Attendance Policy: Students must attend the lectures. Absences must be justified by a valid medical or legal note when necessary.

Course Type: The course will be a lecture course.

Course Level: the course is 300 level course and requires fluency in world religions and psychology fundamentals.

Evaluation: students' grade will be determined by two 5-7 pages essay. The short essays are worth 20 points. The major essay is worth 50 points. Lastly, students are expected to present a topic of the reading to their classmates. It is worth 10 points. The presentation should be an elaboration of your thought and reaction to one of the figures in the assigned reading. Students must consult with the instructor for approval of the topic of their final essay.

Duration: The course follows a twelve weeks standard period of instruction.