

John Henry Newman: Life & Thought. xtianthe 309, spring 2012. Class meets on Tuesdays from 2:30-5:00 in 060L (Duke Divinity School). Taught by Paul J. Griffiths. Office: 056L, Duke Divinity School. 919-660-3413. pgriffit@gmail.com. No regular office hours, but I'm usually in my office after noon. Please feel free to stop by: if the door's open, I'm happy to see you. Or, email for an appointment.

John Henry Newman was born in 1801 and died in 1890. He was ordained priest in the Anglican Church in 1824, received into the Catholic Church in 1845, ordained priest therein in 1847, shortly thereafter becoming an Oratorian; he died as a member of the College of Cardinals, to which he was elevated in 1879. From student days until 1845 he lived in Oxford; after that mostly in Birmingham, with a sojourn in Ireland. Apart from the Irish experiment, he left England only thrice. He was the central figure in the so-called Oxford Movement of the 1830s and 1840s, and among the most effective and widely-read theological controversialists writing in English in the nineteenth century.

Works to be Studied & Method of Work

The principal purpose of this course is to provide students with an opportunity to read, think, and write about the major works of John Henry Newman. We'll study the works in the list below, in the order in which they're given. For Newman's works we'll use the archive at www.newmanreader.org as our point of first refuge.

In every case, the works should be read before the date under which they're listed. Read slowly, read carefully, note points of interest and difficulty. Come to class prepared to offer comment on what you've read: we'll be a small group, so we can do this seminar-style. I'll offer introductory comments on each text or text-part, but for the most part we'll proceed by way of close engagement with the text.

In addition to reading the texts for each week, you will, if you're taking the course for credit, write about them. I'll expect each of you to write a single paper, whose topic should be determined by, at latest, the beginning of April, and which will be due on 1st May. The length and nature of that paper will be determined individually.

Students using this course to provide Anglican/Episcopal House of Studies credit should see that their paper attends in significant part to the Anglican Newman.

- 17 Jan. Newman as Anglican controversialist:
 - "Private Judgement" (1841) <in Essays Critical & Historical, vol. 2>
 - "The Tamworth Reading Room" (1841) <in Discussions & Arguments>
 - "Remarks on Certain Passages in the Thirty-Nine Articles", also known as 'Tract 90' of the Tracts for the Times (1841) <in Via Media, vol. 2>

- 24 Jan. Newman as Anglican homilist
 - "Outward & Inward Notes of the Church" <#22 in Sermons on Subjects of the Day>
 - "The Duty of Self-Denial" <#7 in Parochial & Plain Sermons, vol. 7>
 - "Curiosity a Temptation to Sin" <#5 in Parochial and Plain Sermons, vol. 8>
 - "The Reverence Due to the Virgin Mary" <#12 in Parochial & Plain Sermons, vol. 2>
 - "Faith and Reason, Contrasted as Habits of Mind" <#10 in Oxford University Sermons>
 - "The Nature of Faith in Relation to Reason" <#11 in Oxford University Sermons>
 - "The Theory of Developments in Religious Doctrine" <#15 in Oxford University Sermons>
- 31 Jan., 7 Feb., 14 Feb. An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine. This was first published in 1845, on the eve of JHN's reception into the Catholic Church; and then in a revised edition in 1878. The 1878 edition is what's available at www.newmanreader.org. If you're in search of a printed edition, it's usually easy enough to find a used copy online. If you do that, make sure you know what you're reading -- the 1845 edition, the 1878 edition, or something else. There is a free Kindle edition, which appears to be an e-version of the sixth edition of the Notre Dame Press print of the 1878 edition. There are a few in-print hardcopy editions available, including the aforementioned ND Press one, which is probably the best. Get and use what you can.
- 21 Feb., 28 Feb., 13 Mar. <no class 6 March: spring break>. Apologia pro vita sua. This has a rather complex publishing history, appearing first in part-form in 1864, and in its first book form in 1865; the 1865 edition is different in many ways from the first (1864) publication. We'll attend mostly to the 1865 edition, which www.newmanreader.org has. It also has a combined 1864-1865 edition, which makes it possible to trace the differences between the two. Again, the Apologia is easy to come by online as a used book. There is a Kindle edition, though my brief glance at it suggests that it's problematic in various ways. There are at least half-a-dozen hardcopy editions in print. Once again, get what you can, but attend to what it is.
- 20 Mar, 27 Mar, 3 Apr. An Essay in Aid of a Grammar of Assent. This was first published in book form 1870, and amended in various minor ways by JHN during the 1870s and 1880s. www.newmanreader.org has the 1870 edition. There are a few in-print hardcopy editions available, among which, the Notre Dame Press ed. is best -- not least for its interesting introduction by Nicholas Lash), and a free Kindle version, which appears to be of the 1874 edition. The most useful scholarly edition is that published by Clarendon Press in 1985, edited by Ian Ker. But that is long out of print, difficult to find, and expensive when found. Again, get and use what you can.
- 10 Apr. Newman as Catholic controversialist.

- "On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine" (1859) <in The Rambler 1859-1860>
- "Letter to Pusey" (1865) <listed under that title at www.newmanreader.org, but actually in Certain Difficulties Felt by Anglicans in Catholic Teachings, vol. 2>
- "Letter to the Duke of Norfolk" (1875) <listed under that title at www.newmanreader.org, but actually in Certain Difficulties Felt by Anglicans in Catholic Teachings, vol. 2>
- 17 April. Newman as Catholic homilist
 - "Intellect, the Instrument of Religious Training" <#1 in Sermons Preached on Various Occasions>
 - "The Second Spring" <#10 in Sermons Preached on Various Occasions>
 - "Perseverance in Grace" <#7 in Discourses to Mixed Congregations>
 - "Nature and Grace" <#8 in Discourses to Mixed Congregations>
 - "Illuminating Grace" <#9 in Discourses to Mixed Congregations>
 - "Mental Sufferings of Our Lord in His Passion" <#16 in Discourses to Mixed Congregations>

Bibliographical Helps

- www.newmanreader.org: the principal online archive for the works
- <http://www.newmanfriendsinternational.org/bibliography/>: a comprehensive chronologically-ordered bibliography of Newman studies in English, French, German, and Italian is kept online at:
- The standard English-language journal on JHN is the *Newman Studies Journal* published by the National Institute for Newman Studies in Pittsburgh. Duke will shortly begin a subscription to this journal.
- The standard biography, still, is: Ian Ker's *John Henry Newman: A Biography* (Oxford University Press, 1988 & reprints). This can be supplemented, though with care, by Frank Turner's polemical *John Henry Newman: The Challenge to Evangelical Religion* (Yale University Press, 2002).
- Useful introductory works to Newman's thought in English include (Duke has all these):
 - Dulles, Avery. *Newman*. London & New York: Continuum, 2002.
 - Chadwick, Owen. *Newman*. Oxford University Press, 1983 & reprints.
 - Ker, Ian & Terrence Merrigan. (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to John Henry Newman*. Cambridge University Press, 2009.