

From Michael about Wednesday and Friday

Because I did not get here in time on Monday, many of you left without getting the materials I needed you to have in preparation for Wednesday's discussion of apocalypticism in other cultures. There is no way to scan all of the photocopied material into a document to put on the web.

So, in fairness, nobody is "responsible" for the material I finally did arrive with on Monday. If you did not get the material because you had left, you're not responsible. And if you happened to get it, you can't be held to doing what half of the class will not be doing. Besides, the blue assignment sheet is a mess because I brought in the wrong book to photocopy for the planned third reading.

I would love it if some of you who did get the material would volunteer to study it anyway. At this point, I guess I'll just talk about it to the class.

Wednesday, I am planning to distribute your final reading – a challenging essay by the philosopher Suzanne Langer. It speaks to both the whole matter of apocalypse and also to the "ways of knowing" theme of this course. I will spend part of Wednesday introducing Langer's essay.

On Friday, you will be asked to write in class on some of the ideas brought up this week and in the course. This will be the final 60-point essay.

I will be available on in my office on Monday, March 21, from 10:30-12:30, for those wishing to pick up Test 3 or the Friday, March 18 writing.