

# *the SOCIOLOGY of RELIGION*

Sociology 480/580 – Winter, 2004

## Revised Reading Suggestions – Last Two Weeks

*Due to the foreshortening of the term we will not be able to cover the entire original reading plan; the following suggestions are intended to help guide your reading to the end of the course, in the approximate sequence that we will address the topics in class.*

- Chapter 9: Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism (pp. 239-269)  
[Don't worry about the intricacies of "globalization theory" or about the "Eternal Peace" example on p. 253]
  - Alike and Different
  - Globalization Dynamic
  - Global Culture
  - Excursus on the History of Religions
  - Globalization and Fundamentalisms
  - The Religious Right in the U.S.
  - Islamization
  - Ultraorthodoxy
- Chapter 6: Religion and Ethnicity (pp. 153-181)
  - Clarifying Terms: Ethnic, Nationality, Race
  - Relational Patterns
  - Ethnicity in the "Righteous Empire"
  - The Ethnic Factor & American Catholicism
  - The Jewish Diaspora
  - Herberg's Triple Melting Pot Thesis
  - The African American Religious Experience
  - The New Immigrants: Protestant, Catholic, Jew – and Beyond
- Chapter 5: Social Class, Religion, and Power (pp. 133-151)  
[Note that you can start this chapter at p. 133 where you might see it has having a logical affinity, and continuity, with Chapter 6]
  - Religion and U.S. Class Structure
  - The Industrial Age: 1870-1970
  - Post-Industrial Society: 1870 and Beyond
- Chapter 7: Gender, Sexuality, and Religion (pp. 185-187; 196-208)
  - The Culture Wars
  - Images of God and Gendered Spirituality
- Chapter 10: Mediating Meaning – Religion in/as Contemporary Culture (pp. 273-93)  
[You will be reading this primarily in relation to aspects of the final exam, rather than in-class presentation.]
  - Mass Faith
  - Material Culture
  - Religious Publishing
  - Broadcast Evangelism: The Message, The Messengers, The Audience
  - Cyberfaith