Fordham University
Theological and Social Ethics PhD
Comprehensive Exam Sources

MAJOR TEXTS IN THEOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL ETHICS

I. Scripture and Ethics

Bible: Exodus 19:17-23:33; Leviticus 19; Amos; Matthew 5-7; Luke 6:20-49; Romans 12:1-15:13; I John and relevant commentaries


II. Historical Sources*


St. Augustine of Hippo, On Grace and Free Will (Ohio: Beloved Publishing LLC, 2014)


St. Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologica (New York: Benziger Bros. Publishing, 1948), qq. I, qq. 5-6 (goodness and God); I-II, qq. 6 and 8, 12-13 (human acts), 26 (love), 54-55 (virtue), 61-
62 (cardinal and theological virtues), 90-95, 100 (law), 106-108 (new law); II-II, qq. 25-26 (charity), 40 (war), 63 (respect), 64 (murder), 154 (sex).


John Calvin, The Institutes of the Christian Religion (London: Westminster John Knox Press, 1960), -vii, 6-8, 19 (on the Christian life); Book I Chapter 2; Book II Chapters 7-9 (on laws); Book III Chapter 2; Book IV Chapter 20 (on civil government).


III. Official Catholic Moral Teaching*


Papal Encyclicals: Humanae Vitae, Veritatis Splendor, Evangelium Vitae, Donum Vitae, Familiaris Consortio, Dignitatis Personae, Laudato ‘Si.

USCCB Pastoral Statements: Brothers & Sisters to Us; The Challenge of Peace or Economic Justice for All.

IV. 20th-21st Century Catholic Ethics **


Ada-Maria Isasi Diaz, En La Lucha/In the Struggle (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004), chapters 4-7.


John Courtney Murray, We Hold These Truths (Lanham, MD: Rowan and Littlefield, 2005).


Karl Rahner, S.J., "The Commandment to Love in Relation to the Other Commandments," in *Theological Investigations* vol. 5, 439-59


**V. Protestant & Orthodox Ethics***

Karl Barth *Church Dogmatics* (Massachusetts: Hendrickson, 2010), II/2, 509-781; III/4, 324-42;


Stanley Hauerwas, *The Peaceable Kingdom* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1983) or


*An historically- and topically- representative selection of texts is to be highlighted, chosen in consultation with the examining professor.

**Eight authors are to be highlighted, selected in consultation with the examining professor.

***Four authors are to be highlighted, selected in consultation with the examining professor.

Other texts may be identified in consultation with advisor.

**FOUNDATIONAL THEOLOGICAL ETHICS**


Stanley Hauerwas, *The Peaceable Kingdom* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1983) or


**Other texts will be identified in consultation with advisor.

**PHILOSOPHICAL SOURCES AND THEOLOGICAL ETHICS**


* Other texts will be identified in consultation with advisor.

**BIOETHICS**


* Other texts will be identified in consultation with advisor.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS**


* Other texts will be identified in consultation with advisor.

**LIBERATION AND FEMINIST TEXTS**


*Other texts will be identified in consultation with advisor.

**GENDER AND SEXUALITY**


Official Church Teaching: *Humanae Vitae, Mulieris Dignitatem*, and others

* Other texts will be identified in consultation with advisor.

**RACE AND WHITE PRIVILEGE**


* Other texts will be identified in consultation with advisor.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT**


Charles E. Curran, *Catholic Social Teaching, 1891-Present: A Theological, Historical, and Ethical Analysis* (Georgetown: Georgetown University Press, 2002).


* Other texts will be identified in consultation with advisor.

**ECONOMICS AND ETHICS**


Herman E. Daly, *Beyond Growth: Economics of Sustainable Development* (Boston: Beacon, 1997).


John A. Ryan, *Distributive Justice: The Right and Wrong of Our Present Distribution of Wealth* (1916, 1943), and/or,


*Other texts will be identified in consultation with advisor.*