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ISSUES IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION AND *THE BROTHERS KARAMAZOV*
TST Theology Department
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Course Description : This course explores issues in the philosophy of religion, with special reference to *The Brothers Karamazov*. Major themes include: the existence and nature of God, religious language, religious experience, faith and reason, the problem of evil, religion and morality, and afterlife beliefs. Readings include Fyodor Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov* and selections from theologians and philosophers of religion. Lectures, discussions, critical reflection papers.

Course Objectives: Students will be able to describe, analyse, and critically evaluate various significant issues in the philosophy of religion. See the course syllabus on p. 4-6 for the listing of issues and readings within which these issues will be contextualized. Students will also be able to appreciate the significance of Fyodor Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov* in drawing these issues into question and provocatively exploring them.

Required Books

Fyodor Dostoevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*, Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhinsky, trs., (N.Y.: Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, 2002).

Reserve Reading

Some required reading selections, listed on the course syllabus (pp. 5-6), will be available on Reserve in the Regis College Library. See the Reserve Reading list (p. 6-7) of this course outline for this listing.

Grading

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. Following the final examination, a letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme:

A+	= 100-90	B	= 76-73
A	= 89-85	B-	= 72-70
A-	= 84-80	FZ	= 69-0
B+	= 79-77		