Note: The exam is cumulative. Do not confine your study to material used on the last exam. It is very false to suppose that the last exam covered "everything you need to know about the East." Heaven only knows what objective questions will be on the next exam. I won't know until I make them up. Study everything, please. 12 objective questions will be taken from the first part of the course, 8 from Judaism.

1. Discuss the development of science and history from the Jewish stories about the beginning and end of the world.

2. Outline the key differences between the first and second story of Creation. Discuss how these stories need not be true to be true. Be sure to explain why both of these stories are so valuable and so sacred to Jews.

3. Discuss what the book of Job says about the meaning of suffering.


5. Compare and contrast the Jewish view of the world with one of the following: Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Zen. (Prepare yourself for all of these--I may pick one for you to write on.)

When I ask you to discuss something in an essay assignment, I am thinking of a whole range of possible intellectual activities. Here is a non-exhaustive list of the kinds of things you can do in response to a discussion question:

-- show your understanding of key terms (give definitions)
-- demonstrate that you have done the reading
-- report accurately what the assigned reading says
-- assemble the relevant data (names, dates, events, stories)
-- weigh evidence carefully
-- use specific details to illuminate your position
-- consider conflicting interpretations
-- offer additional examples that illustrate the problem
-- propose counter-examples
-- manifest insight into the issues raised by the question
-- outline and criticize the logic of different positions
-- argue for a conclusion

When I give you a discussion question, I am asking you to show what you know and to reveal how well you can write. There is no one right answer to an essay question.

Please bring your Bibles to the first class after the exam. We will begin reading Mt 1-2 and Lk 1-2.