Hello Everybody,

Welcome to this summer session of RELS 332 from June 6 – July 29. I’m Professor Tom Parker of the Chico State Religious Studies Department, and I want to encourage you to get off to an early start to make the session easier for you and for me. The course will be available to you sometime on May 25th. You’re free to start the course as soon as you can. Getting off to a good start is one key to success, and keeping up with the schedule is another key.

- Read the Syllabus on the Home Page. The Syllabus tells you about my policies and expectations. It’s a good idea to know how I run the course, and what I expect from you.
- There is orientation material on the Home Page to help you learn how this course is set up and how to navigate the course. Use that as well. Please don’t write to me with questions until you have done this.
- I do encourage contact and interaction between us. Use the Journal link in the Course Menu for all email contact during the session.

The 3 required books for the class are listed below. These are available in the Chico State bookstore, but you can also find them online. Be sure to get these books right away, the course moves quickly and there won’t be time to backtrack for people who haven’t got books when the class starts.

Also, remember to CLICK & SCROLL on any page to see everything that’s there.

Required Books:


To Get Started:
1. Read chapter 1 of *Justice & Peace*, and submit the writing assignment on that chapter. Be sure you know how to submit work correctly, there is a document on the Home Page that explains what to look out for.

2. We read all of *I Shall Not Hate* and *Mountains Beyond Mountains*. Get started on *I Shall Not Hate* as soon as you get it. These books are about medical doctors, their lives and their work, so I’m hoping you will find them engaging and helpful ways to get into these global issues.

3. I’m asking you to create a Personal Introduction so I can get to know you a bit. You can do that as soon as you have access to the class. Please read the instructions and look over my Personal Introduction as an example of what I’m looking for.

I would like this to be an enjoyable and productive session. I look forward to meeting all of you out there in online-world. I will be writing to you and checking in regularly once the course is available on May 25th, and feel free to contact me once you’re up and running. Talk to you soon,

Professor Tom Parker