



HISTORY 211: Ancient Societies  
of the World

Semester II, 1983-84

Mr. Clover

Meeting time: 11:00-11:50

Mondays, Wednesdays and  
Fridays

THE AGE OF WISDOM

The present generation has witnessed the end of the notion that the Near East and the Mediterranean Basin alone constituted the Ancient World. Discoveries in China, India and other places have brought to view many geneses of civilization. This course is more restricted than the timetable's title suggests. Students will examine the growth of civilization between the Mediterranean and China, and then consider what the philosopher Karl Jaspers called the Axial Age, the decades near the close of the sixth century B.C. which produced Confucius, the Buddha, the later Hebrew Prophets and the numerous reformers of Archaic Greece. The course will conclude with the junctures of Eurasian Civilization after the Age of Wisdom ( a more accurate characterization than that of Karl Jaspers ).





THE HONORS SECTION

Students who take the course for honors credit will join a discussion section which will meet one additional hour each week. The topic of discussion will be the Age of Wisdom, the center of the course at large. Members of the group will at first meet individually with the instructor. From these individual meetings will come a term paper topic. In the latter half of the semester each participant in the honors section will present a report on his or her term paper topic during one of the discussion hours. In addition, each student will submit a written version of the term paper in two drafts. The first draft is due on Friday of the ninth week of the term. The instructor will return this draft with criticisms and suggestions, and each student will hand in a revised second draft at semester's end.

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A. K. Narain

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Kenneth Sacks

Keith Schoville

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Botany

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Studies

Philosophy

Anthropology

History

History/East Asian Languages &  
Literature

Philosophy

History/South Asian Studies

Classics/Integrated Liberal Studies

History/Classics

Hebrew and Semitic Studies