

IWC Fall Study Circle

Journey through Classical Greek Culture and Civilization

- Sept. 12** ***Historical Introduction to Ancient and Classical Greece***
Presentation: YouTube lecture on “Ancient Greece” by Jeff Crowe (45 minutes)
- Sept. 19** ***Greek Religion and Mythology***
1. *The Greek Way*, Edith Hamilton, “The Religion of the Greeks”, pgs. 284-302
2. *Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes*, Edith Hamilton, “How the World and Mankind were Created”, pgs. 87-94
3. *The Great Transformation*, Karen Armstrong, “Ritual”, pgs. 49-61
- Sept. 26** ***Greek Myths and Human Nature***
1. *Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes*, Edith Hamilton, “Introduction to Classical Mythology”, pgs. 1-12
2. *Ibid*, “Theseus”, pgs. 208-223
3. *The Great Transformation*, Karen Armstrong, “Kenosis”, pgs. 105-114
4. *Ibid*, “Knowledge”, pgs. 139-143
- Oct. 3** ***Greek Politics: The Emergence of the City State (Polis)***
The Great Transformation, Karen Armstrong, pgs. 101, 138, 144-146, 183-184, 220-222, 229-232
- Oct. 10** ***Greek Philosophy: Conceptual Foundations of Modern Science***
1. *Before and After Socrates*, F.M. Cornford, “Ionian Science before Socrates”, pgs. 1-28.
2. “What is a Cosmos”, David Fideler, *The Alexandrian*, 1996
3. “A Fight for the Soul of Science”, Natalie Wolchover, *Quanta Magazine*, December 16, 2015
4. *The Great Transformation*, Karen Armstrong, “Suffering”, pgs. 185-190
5. *Ibid*, “Empathy”, pgs. 220-223
- Oct. 17** ***Greek Philosophy: The Sophists and Socrates***
1. *Before and After Socrates*, F.M. Cornford, “Socrates”, pgs. 29-53
2. *The Great Transformation*, Karen Armstrong, “Concern for Everyone”, pgs. 248-253, 257-265

- Oct. 24** ***Greek Philosophy: Plato on Knowledge and Immortality***
1. *The Golden Verses of Pythagoras*, Pythagoras, pgs. 18-20
2. *Before and After Socrates*, "Plato", F.M., Cornford, pgs. 54-84
3. *The Great Transformation*, Karen Armstrong, "All is One", pgs. 313-326
- Oct. 31** ***Greek Social Psychology: The Rational and the Irrational***
1. "Platonically Irrational", Nick Romeo (handout)
2. *The Great Transformation*, Karen Armstrong, "All is One", pgs. 326-330
- Nov. 7** ***Greek Theater: Aeschylus: The First Dramatist***
1. *The Greek Way*, Edith Hamilton, "Aeschylus: The First Dramatist", pgs. 239-257
2. *The Great Transformation*, Karen Armstrong, "Empathy", pgs. 225-230
Presentation: Video excerpt from a play by Aeschylus
- Nov. 14** ***Greek Theater: Sophocles: Quintessence of the Greek***
1. *The Greek Way*, Edith Hamilton, "Sophocles: Quintessence of the Greek", pgs. 258-270
2. *The Great Transformation*, Karen Armstrong, "Empathy", pgs. 231-232
Presentation: Video excerpt from a play by Sophocles
- Nov. 21** ***Greek Theater: Euripides and the Role of Women***
1. *The Greek Way*, "Euripides: The Modern Mind", Edith Hamilton, pgs. 271-283
2. *The Great Transformation*, Karen Armstrong, "Concern for Others", pgs. 253-257, 263-264
Presentation: Video excerpt from a play by Euripides
- Nov. 28** ***The Greek Arts***
Reading(s) to be determined
Presentation: Slides of the Classical Greek arts; architecture, art and sculpture
- Dec. 5** ***Hellenistic Civilization: Ethics and Social Philosophy***
The Great Transformation, Karen Armstrong, "Empire", pgs. 352-356
- Dec. 12** ***Hellenistic Civilization: Mathematics and Science***
Reading(s) to be determined
- Dec. 19** ***What Have We Learned from Classical Greece?***
1. *The Greeks*, H.D.F. Kitto, "The Greek Mind", pgs. 169-194
2. *The Greek Way*, Edith Hamilton, "The Way of the Greeks", pgs. 301-330