

SCHOOL OF NEW RESOURCESNEW ROCHELLE CAMPUSSPRING, 1978Name of Seminar: "INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE"NAME OF INSTRUCTOR: Willis Elliott

By the end of this semester, you should be able to:

a. In terms of knowledge and understanding:

- 1) To grasp how the Bible came to *be* [=formation] and how the Bible came to *us* [=transmission], rather than what it *meant* [=exegesis] and what it *means* [=theology].
- 2) To see the Bible in the context of all human literature's ~~relation to human life i.e., as both~~ arising from and speaking to life, with hermeneutical problems arising from time/
- 3) ~~relation to human life i.e., as both~~ culture differences between the two life-situations.
- 4) To context biblical studies in the liberal arts curriculum and vis-a-vis other curricula.
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b. In terms of skills:

- 1) To be able to perceive and feel and place the Bible within the flow of general history, Western civilization, and one's own religion and branch thereof: chronology as tool.
- 2) To be able to use the recovered Sitz-im-Leben [life context of particular passages of Scripture] as base for interpreting the Bible [both exegesis and exposition].
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- 4) To be able to articulate, in speaking and writing, one's own relation to the Bible both as paradigm [way of seeing the world] and as guide [way of living in the world].
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c. In terms of attitudes:

- 1) To deepen one's appreciation for, and thus gratitude to God for, the struggle of one's spiritual forebears to be faithful to their best vision and understanding.
- 2) To become appreciative of viewpoints toward Scripture other than one's own through the readings, lectures, and session discussions.
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- 4) To grow in humility in the presence of the Holy and of impenetrable ambiguities and ignorance, and in eager openness toward fresh truth and new angles on old truth.
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