Omnibus II

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CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
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Omnibus II is a three-credit class (Honors History, Honors English, and Bible) integrating the study of these subjects through a discussion of the greatest books from the Early Church Fathers to the times of the Medieval Ages and the Reformation.

Studying the Middle Ages is very different from studying the Ancient World. Omnibus I introduced you to the pagan world, which is fraught with false philosophies and religions. But with the coming of Christ, the world was exposed to the truth and began accepting it. The works written in the Middle Ages were written primarily by Christians in a newly Christian culture.

The focus for this year is no longer on refuting pagan philosophies, but on understanding the theology and history of the Church. However, this by no means implies that everything you will read will be the truth. Our Christian forefathers made many mistakes, and we should still read with understanding and critical analysis. But that's the beauty of reading these works – we can observe the blunders and errors that have been made before us, and consequently avoid them. It's the privilege of hindsight that Omnibus II takes full advantage of, instructing you in the history of the Church and helping you hold everything up to the light of Scripture.

Course Expectations:

STUDENTS:
During the week:

- Students should spend at least 3 hours a day Monday – Thursday in preparation for classes on Friday.
- For each book, there is an introductory essay explaining the background and basic ideas of the book. This is followed by daily sessions you can work through, consisting of questions, activities, and assignments that help you understand and communicate ideas thoroughly, eloquently, and from a solid Christian worldview. Answers to these sessions should be written in a notebook which the student will bring to class. The student should leave space after each answer so he can record additional insights from class discussion. No digital devices are allowed in in-person classes.

At co-op on Fridays:
Classes run for two hours, during which we will discuss the work completed at home during the week. Depending on the weekly schedule, class also includes speeches and debates.

PARENTS:
• Parents should regularly check in on their child's progress, ensuring that they are up to date with the required work for that week.
• Once a semester, parents should be prepared to invigilate a three-hour Mid-Term Exam. For the students who are completing Omnibus online, this will require invigilating both the Mid-Term and Semester Exam once a semester.
• Parents are not required to mark any of their child's work as this will be done by the facilitator. However, they should ensure that their child is not using the internet or AI to complete their assignments, speeches, exams, etc.

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BOOKLIST (17 Books):

Primary Books	• The Church History by Eusebius - Eusebius – modern translation by Paul L. Maier, with maps & illustrations • Confessions of St. Augustine – translated by R.S. Pine-Coffin • On the Incarnation by Athanasius – with introduction by C.S. Lewis • The Ecclesiastical History of the English People – Bede A.D. 731 (translated by Leo Sherley-Price) • The Song of Roland – translated by Dorothy Sayers • Macbeth – by Shakespeare • The Bondage of the Will – by Martin Luther preferably translated by J.I. Packer and O.R. Robinson or translated by Henry Cole (in old English)
Secondary Books	• The Hobbit – by J.R.R. Tolkien o • The Nine Tailors – by Dorothy Sayers • The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood – by Howard Pyle • The Dragon and the Raven: The Days of King Alfred – by G.A. Henty • The Fellowship of the Ring – by J.R.R. Tolkien • Winning His Spurs – by G.A. Henty • The Two Towers – by J.R.R. Tolkien • Henry V – by Shakespeare • The Return of the King – by J.R.R. Tolkien
South African History	• Robert Moffat: The Missionary Hero of Kuruman – by David J. Dean
Course Credit	3.0 Credit

*** All of the above books are available for rental on our co-op kindle account but you may want to purchase a hard copy of The Church History by Eusebius - modern translation by Paul L. Maier with maps & illustrations)*