

*A Syllabus for (the second-half of) 2016*

**ADVENTURES IN ORIGINS**

*A Video/Discussion Class*

THE HUMANIST GROUP OF  
COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH  
PLANO, TEXAS

**EMERSON, THOREAU, AND THE TRANSCENDENTALIST  
MOVEMENT**

Jul. 7<sup>th</sup> - Moncure Conway - Southern Transcendentalist

Jul. 14<sup>th</sup> - Transcendental Eccentrics

Jul. 21<sup>st</sup> - Transcendental Utopias - Living Experiments

Jul. 28<sup>th</sup> - Transcendentalism & Education

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> - \*\*\* BREAK \*\*\*

Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> - Thoreau, Abolition, & John Brown

Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> - Frederick Douglass

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> - Emily Dickinson

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> - Walt Whitman

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - Transcendentalism's 19<sup>th</sup> Century Legacy

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Century Legacy & Beyond

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> - \*\*\* BREAK \*\*\*

## **EXPLORING THE ROOTS OF RELIGION**

### *In the Beginning*

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> - The Roots of Religious Experience

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - Neanderthal Burials at Shanidar

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - Hunting Magic in Sacred Caves

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - Myth of the Shaman

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> - Realm of the Mother Goddess

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mysteries of the Megaliths

### *Quest for the Afterlife*

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - Towers and Tombs of Sumeria

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> - Tomb of the First Emperor of China

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - \*\*\* THANKSGIVING \*\*\*

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - Feasting with the Dead at Petra

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - Druid Sacrifice at Lindow Moss?

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - Honoring Ancestors in Ancient Ohio

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - A Viking Queen Sails to Eternity

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> - \*\*\* BREAK \*\*\*