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The end of our foundation is the knowledge of causes and secret motions of things, and the enlarging of the bounds of human empire to the effecting of all things possible.

-Francis Bacon, Lord Verulam, Viscount St. Albans

"It is our dedicated purpose that these foundations of timeless wisdom, fashioned by this our present labor, shall endure to serve and inspire men and women of good spirit throughout the world."



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"The Philosophical Research Society is known and respected throughout the world, and we earnestly desire to provide adequate instruction for those thousands who have expressed themselves as wishing our assistance and guidance."

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GENERAL INFORMATION

It is the aim of The Philosophical Research Society to expand and improve advanced educational facilities, leading to the enrichment of man's understanding of himself, the society in which he lives, and the universe of which he is a part. The deepening of man's understanding of his cultural heritage is accomplished by an intensive study of the basic ideas of man, which this School regards as fundamental to the progress of an enlightened society. Dedicated to the dissemination of useful knowledge on the levels of religion, philosophy, psychology and counseling, the Society endeavors to make available to students and the general public the essential teachings of the world's great spiritual, ethical, and cultural leaders whose contributions are of proven worth.

The Society recognizes no limitations of creed or sect, but invites all sincere persons to share in the responsibility of learning, believing that a foundation of basic ideas will equip each individual for a larger sphere of usefulness. The program of the Society stresses the importance of an idealistic approach to education and of the integration of the fields of philosophy, religion, and psychology. The Library of The Philosophical Research Society makes available to the student an unusually large collection of original source material in these fields. One of the basic requirements of the School is that the student work with these original sources so as to develop his power of discrimination, thus equipping him to arrive at valid and useful conclusions for his individual welfare as well as that of society.

The School of The Philosophical Research Society, Inc. offers curricula leading to the B. A., M. A., or Ph. D. degrees. The specific requirements for these degrees are outlined below. The fields of concentration for such degrees may be chosen from the departments of

philosophy, comparative religion, or philosophical psychology; or a degree may be given in a combined field of concentration consisting of a balanced program in all three departments. A satisfactory scholarship average must be maintained in all courses taken for credit toward a degree.

The Philosophical Research Society also carries religious privileges, and is empowered to ordain to the ministry those who qualify in this department.

For students who have a high school diploma, or its equivalent, but who do not wish to earn an academic degree, the Society offers a Certificate of Fellowship or a Certificate of Proficiency upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed work. Requirements for these Certificates are set forth in the Society's Bulletin on Correspondence Courses.

Admission:

Each person seeking admission to the School of the P. R. S. must file a formal application with the Registrar of the Society, who may be consulted in person, at 3341 Griffith Park Blvd., Los Angeles 27, California. Upon evaluation and acceptance of the application and credentials by the Committee on Admissions, a registration permit shall be issued by the Registrar. This permit must be presented at the time of registration for classes.

The application for admission must be accompanied by official transcripts and credentials of the student's records of previous high school and college work. An evaluation fee of \$5. must be included with the application. This fee is not refundable.

Tuition:

The tuition fee is \$18.75 per unit, including examinations. Fees for special examinations on the graduate level are listed under the graduate degree requirements.

The School Year:

The school year consists of three quarters of ten weeks each, and a summer quarter of five weeks. All classes are held at The Philosophical Research Society, 3341 Griffith Park Boulevard, Los Angeles 27. Schedules of classes are distributed several weeks before the beginning of each quarter. At the beginning of each session, the student should file with the Registrar a Study List containing his program of classes as approved by the faculty.

Unit Value:

One unit represents 15 one-hour periods of lecture instruction, or the equivalent in terms of special assigned projects.

Graduate Studies:

Applicants for graduate study will be examined or interviewed for aptitude, academic and personal qualifications, and professional promise. The graduate studies program is based on the same class instruction as the undergraduate program, but it is of a more intensive nature in that additional reference work, research projects, a thesis or dissertation, and comprehensive examinations are required.

Residence Requirement:

Every candidate for a degree must register for, attend, and complete courses amounting to at least 2 units for each quarter or 1 unit for each summer session, in order to satisfy the minimum residence requirement.

DEGREES AND REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE:

124 units of undergraduate work are required for the B. A. degree. Students enrolling for this degree must have a minimum of 90 acceptable units from accredited schools, including 15 units in fields related to the work offered by the School of the P. R. S. The 90 prerequisite units should include a general education in the fields of English, foreign languages, physical education, and science. Not more than 15 units of professional or vocational credits can be accepted, and such units are subject to evaluation by the faculty.

At the discretion of the Committee on Admissions, students may be permitted to enroll with less than 90 units, and may complete their prerequisite requirements at another school concurrent with their studies at the School of the Society.

A maximum of 104 units from another institution may be accepted toward the B. A. degree from the P. R. S., provided that 10 of these units are directly applicable to the student's major field.

Entrance examinations may be required at the discretion of the faculty.

Majors: The units taken at the School of the Society constitute the field of specialization in which the B. A. degree is being earned. The School offers majors in the fields of philosophy, comparative religion (theology), and philosophical psychology, or a combined major in these three fields. Of the 124 units required for the B. A. degree, 34 units must be in the student's major field. In a single-field major, 24 of the 34 units should be in the major department, and the remaining 10 units divided between the other two departments. In a combined major, the 34 units should represent a balanced program in the three departments.

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE:

Prerequisite: B. A. from an accredited school. The M. A. degree may be earned in two ways:

Plan I: by (a) the completion of 30 units of class work, including (b) special research projects and (c) examinations on the work, together with (d) a comprehensive examination.

Plan II: by (a) the completion of 24 units of class work, including (b) special research projects and (c) examinations on the work, together with (d) a comprehensive examination, and (e) a thesis as prescribed by the student's faculty committee.

A reading knowledge of one foreign language may be required, normally French or German.

Transfer. A candidate for the M. A. degree may transfer with a maximum of 6 units in related fields, on the graduate level, from another acceptable institution. The term for completion of the degree requirement is 7 years, which may, however, be extended under special conditions.

Research projects and comprehensive examination: Special research projects in connection with the student's courses will be worked out by the candidate with his faculty advisors. After the unit requirement has been completed, the student must pass a comprehensive examination. The fee for this examination is \$30.

Thesis: A student who chooses the Thesis Plan (II) to fulfill the requirements for the degree, may begin work on the thesis after the completion of 15 units of class work. The topic will be chosen by the

student in consultation with his faculty advisors. The consultation and evaluation fee will be \$75. The student is required to provide the Society with 3 typewritten copies of the thesis.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE:

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy is granted in recognition of (a) the student's general grasp of the subject matter of his major field of study; (b) his distinguished attainments in a sphere of specialization within that field; (c) his critical power; (d) his capacity to analyze problems; (e) his skill in correlating data from allied fields; and especially (f) his ability to make an original contribution to the knowledge of his chosen field, in which he should be an independent worker.

Requirements: (Prerequisite: B. A. from an accredited school.)

1) 60 units of class instruction or its equivalent; 2) an original research dissertation; 3) four 3-hour comprehensive examinations; 4) final oral examination; 5) reading knowledge of two modern foreign languages.

Transfer: A candidate who has an M. A. degree in philosophy, psychology, or religion, from another approved institution, may earn the Ph. D. Degree by the completion of 30 units of class instruction together with requirements 2, 3, 4, and 5 as set forth above. Students who have completed graduate work at other approved institutions, but who do not have an M. A. Degree, may transfer with a maximum of 40 units on the graduate level. Such units will be subject to evaluation by the Committee on Admissions.

Doctoral Committee: For each candidate, a committee of not sewer than three faculty members and faculty advisors shall be appointed. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to pass upon the candidate's research papers and examinations, and the majority vote of the committee shall determine the awarding of the degree.

Research papers: For every five units of class instruction, the candidate shall submit a research paper, the topic for which will be worked out by the candidate and his faculty committee. There will be a \$10. evaluation and consultation fee for each research paper.

Language examinations: After registration, and before the end of the residence requirement, two 3-hour examinations on reading knowl-

edge of two modern foreign languages, normally French and German, must be passed. The fee for these examinations is \$20.

Comprehensive preliminary examinations: After the unit requirement is met, but before beginning the dissertation, the candidate must pass four 3-hour preliminary examinations. Examinations will be established in the fields of philosophy, psychology, comparative religion, theology, social science, and in a combination of all these fields, and the candidate will have the option of taking any four of these examinations. The evaluation and consultation fee for these examinations shall be \$50.

Dissertation: After the satisfactory completion of the preliminary and language examinations, a dissertation topic, to be worked out in accordance with the candidate's interests, but under the committee's direction, will be submitted for approval. The dissertation must be an original and intensive piece of research. The consultation and evaluation fee for the dissertation is \$100. Before the degree is granted, the candidate must provide the Society with five typewritten copies of his dissertation, four of which may be placed, by the Society, in other institutions of learning. These five copies of the dissertation must be filed with the Registrar two weeks prior to the scheduled date of the final oral examination.

Final oral examination: The candidate's final oral examination is conducted by the Doctoral Committee, to which additional members may be appointed for this occasion by the faculty. This examination deals primarily with the relation of the dissertation to the general field in which the subject lies. The report on the final examination shall be signed by the committee members.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

Basic Required Courses:

The Basic Ideas of Man — A survey of religious, philosophical, and psychological systems. (3 units)

Studies in Consciousness — An outline of the origin and development of the great concepts relating to the internal life of the human being. (3 units)

Lectures on Ancient Philosophy — A survey of the ancient principles and theories which form the basis of philosophy and culture. (3 units)

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY:

Asiatic Studies: Comprehensive surveys of the living religious philosophies of India, China, Japan, Tibet, and the Near East, emphasizing the teachings of Buddha, Lao-Tse, Confucius, Zoroaster, and the mystical sects of Syria and The Lebanon.

Classical Philosophy: Basic courses in Greek and Roman philosophy from Pythagoras to Boethius, including Plato, Aristotle, the Socratic method, the State Mysteries and educational institutions, Neoplatonism, Gnosticism, and Roman eclecticism.

Medieval Philosophy: The philosophy of the Church from St. Augustine to St. Thomas Aquinas, covering the Patristics, Scholastics, and mystics, and the philosophical trends that led to the Renaissance and the Reformation.

Modern Philosophy: The revivals of ancient learning, including the speculations of the Alchemists, Hermetists, early Masonic groups and other Secret Societies. The philosophy of Descartes and Bacon, and the rise of modern philosophical systems.

Practical Philosophy: The appreciation of philosophical principles in the solution of personal problems; an examination of the nature of the self, human society, the concept of values, and general orientation to knowledge and life.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHICAL PSYCHOLOGY:

Analytical Psychology: The structure and function of the human psyche; dream symbolism; basic elements in normal and abnormal psychology. The development of the personality from infancy to maturity; psychosomatics; comprehensive and critical studies in the writings of C. G. Jung.

Basic Principles of Psychology: Origin of psychological methods in Asiatic, Grecian, and medieval Christian practices; relation of psychology to metaphysics and philosophy; the rise of psychological techniques from Freud to Jung; basic precepts of psychological integration and psychotherapy.

Counseling: Techniques of counseling dealing with parent-child relationships, marital problems, personal and social adjustment;

philosophical guidance; the attainment of mental, emotional, and spiritual maturity; pastoral counseling.

Psychology and Symbolism: The significance of symbolic processes; psychology in art, music, literature, and the theater; psychodrama and group therapy; semantics; symbolism in human behavior.

The Psychology of Philosophy and Religion: Religion in human experience; the nature of God, immortality; good and evil, as they affect the psychic life of man; the philosophy of conduct, conscience, and morality, as factors in the application of psychology to the specific needs of the individual.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION:

Biblical Studies — Old Testament: Basic survey of the Pentateuch; the Prophetic Books and the Wisdom Writings of the Jews, and the mystical commentaries thereon; the Talmud and the Zohar and the Cabalistic works; orientation and interpretation in comparative religion.

Biblical Studies — New Testament: The story of Christianity from the first century to the Nicene Council; the Essenes, Therapeutae, and Jewish mystical trends; the four Gospels, the Pauline Epistles, the Pastoral Writings, and the Apocalypse; the Apocryphal Books and the writings of the Patristic Fathers.

Comparative Religion: The faith of modern man; building a personal religion upon the great foundations of faith; the similarities of basic religious precepts; a syncretic approach to religious systems of the past and present; the philosophy of religion.

Primitive Religions of Mankind: Orientation of pre-historic religions; the origin of the religious instinct; the faith of non-literate groups—spiritism, animism, shamanism, ancestor worship, totemism, and the rise of tribal and national rites and ceremonies.

The Religions of Asia and North Africa: Chaldean and Babylonian cults; the rise of Egyptian religion and the reformation of Akhenaten; Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Zoroastrianism; Judaism, and Islamism.

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The Philosophical Research Society, Inc., was founded in 1934 as a non-profit, educational corporation, and is chartered by the State of California.

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The Library of The Philosophical Research Society is a reference collection which has been accumulated over a period of approximately thirty-five years. It was formed for the use of students of philosophy, comparative religion, and related fields. It is a reading Library and the books and manuscripts do not circulate to private individuals. Special arrangements are made, however, for P. R. S. students working toward academic degrees.

The Library is situated at the Society's headquarters, 3341 Griffith Park Boulevard, Los Angeles 27. The usual library hours are Mondays through Fridays from 12:30 to 4:30 p. m., except on legal holidays. Students with special projects may make arrangements to use the facilities of the Library at other times, at the discretion of the Librarian.

The Librarian will be glad to assist students in the selection of appropriate material, and will cooperate insofar as it is possible in checking references or supplementing reference projects.

The Library of The Philosophical Research Society belongs to an incorporated institution and therefore its use is controlled by the rules and regulations of this institution. It has been created to contribute to the advancement of knowledge, and the officers of the Society earnestly desire that all thoughtful persons should enjoy its facilities.

For a detailed description of the Society's Library and art collection, see the Society's Library Bulletin.