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**Hillsdale College Launches New, Free Online Course:  
“Theology 101: The Western Theological Tradition”**

Hillsdale, Mich. – Hillsdale College announces the launch of its new online course, “Theology 101: The Western Theological Tradition.” The free, not-for-credit 10-week course examines the origins and development of Western theology from the Old Testament through the twentieth century.

“The Western theological tradition has had a profound impact on the development of Western Civilization as a whole,” said Larry P. Arnn, president of Hillsdale College and lecturer for two of the course’s lessons. “That’s why there has never been a great university that was not heavily concerned with the question of God, and there has never been serious Christian practice that has not been heavily concerned with learning.”

“Theology 101” is taught by Larry P. Arnn, professor of politics and history; Thomas J. Burke, professor of humanities; Jordan Wales, professor of theology; and Donald J. Westblade, assistant professor of religion.

Lesson release topics and professors are as follows:

- 1. Theology at Hillsdale College**  
Larry P. Arnn
- 2. The God of Grace in Judaism and the Hebrew Bible**  
Donald J. Westblade
- 3. The God of Grace in Christianity and the New Testament**  
Donald J. Westblade
- 4. God and Grace in the Trinitarian Controversy**  
Jordan Wales
- 5. The Life of Grace and the Pelagian Controversy**  
Jordan Wales
- 6. Thomas Aquinas on Nature, Grace and Life in God**  
Jordan Wales

**7. Martin Luther on Justification**

Thomas J. Burke

**8. The Council of Trent on Justification**

Thomas J. Burke

**9. Christianity and the Enlightenment**

Donald J. Westblade

**10. Knowing God in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

Larry P. Arnn

Hillsdale College offers a catalog of free online courses taught by its faculty in subjects ranging from the Constitution to Winston S. Churchill, education, economics, and public policy. More than 1.3 million students have generated more than 2.1 million unique course enrollments since the program launched in fall 2011.

For more information or to register for “Theology 101,” visit <https://online.hillsdale.edu/dashboard/courses>.

**About Hillsdale College**

Hillsdale College, founded in 1844, has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 3.6 million. More information is available at [Hillsdale.edu](https://Hillsdale.edu).

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