

Prophets of the 2nd Axial Age and How to Join Them
OLLI Course Fall 2017

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INTRODUCTION

- Welcome
- Class Format
- Operating Principles
- Introductions
- Overview of the Course – The Working Hypothesis

Class Format

- Readings and Online Videos
- Questions posed between classes
- Class discussion

Operating Principles

- Confidentiality
- Respect
- Observation and curiosity rather than judgment
- “Obedience to the unenforceable”
- Other....

Course Overview

- Patterns
- Emergence
- History and Natural Selection

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Week 1: Introductions and Overview of Course

Week 2: Imagining Pre-Axial History

Week 3: Exploring Ancient Examples

Week 4: Identifying Common Themes

Week 5: Characteristics of the Current Age

Week 6: Capitalism, Competition and Identifying What Works

Week 7: Ethics as Alignment

Weeks 8 - 11: Prophets of the 2nd Axial Age and How to Join Them