The University of St. Thomas
Summer session 1; ‘15
Syllabus
PHIL 4493A: ‘Love & Death’

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Texts: Three Philosophies of Life, Peter Kreeft; The Four Loves, C.S. Lewis; Love Is Stronger Than Death, Peter Kreeft; Happiness and Contemplation, Josef Pieper, Death and Immortality, Josef Pieper.

Objective: To show and explain the meaningfulness of life and of death. Special emphasis will be given to the mutual relationship of life and death; if death is not meaningful, then life is not meaningful, and if life is not meaningful, then neither is death. Special emphasis will be given throughout to the ‘real-life,’ existential, concrete importance of understanding these truths.

Method: The course will consist of both lectures and class discussion. Participation is required, and reading is indispensable.

Misc: Attendance, attention, and promptness are essential. Due to the compressed format of summer classes, there are to be no ‘give-away’ or ‘free’ absences.

Grading: A = 90-100; B = 80-89; C = 70-79; D = 60-69; below sixty = F. Participation will be considered in final grading. ‘Plus’ and ‘minus’ grades are marked by the proportion of 3/10 within the whole letter grades. Thus, e.g. 90-93 = A-; 87-89 = B+, etc.)

ANY ACADEMIC DISHONESTY WILL MERIT THE GRADE OF F. FOR THE COURSE This summer session is remarkably short; please do not miss class, be late, or leave early!