Religion and Politics (Society, Culture & Religion 3CC3 / Political Science 3LA3) – Spring 2023

TEXT PREPARATION 4
Assignment due by June 6, 9 a.m. (Toronto time) in the assignment folder on Avenue.

Please only complete this assignment if you have received your marked first assignment for this class. It is important to take full account of past feedback received in completing a further assignment for this course.

Text Preparation assignments are designed to help you prepare the reading assignment for a particular week, in advance of listening to the lecture for that week, in which I go over that reading selection, offering you a chance to re-read and refine your understanding as you follow along with the lecture. For this reason, this assignment must be submitted by June 6 at 9 a.m., prior to listening to Lecture 10, which will be released on that day.

This assignment is based on:

- CBC Radio "The Current," March 31, 2008—first 22 minutes, including documentary by Kathleen Goldhar, "Faith in the Law"

- Suzanne Last Stone, "The Intervention of American Law in Jewish Divorce" (2000), pp. 174–85

- Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, "Civil and Religious Law in England: A Religious Perspective" (2008)

Detailed Instructions: In well-written paragraphs, a total of 600–700 words, please address the following question(s) with detailed reference to the text:

1.
According to

    a) Suzanne Last Stone; and

    b) at least three persons interviewed for the radio documentary "Faith in the Law" (briefly characterize and give the name of those whose views you cite),

what are some specific challenges posed by the issue of Jewish religious divorce (the *get*) for how we understand the separation of religion and secular law?

2.
Does the issue of Jewish religious divorce in the secular state help to illustrate any of Rowan Williams's ideas about "plural jurisdiction"?

Please <u>number your answers</u> to the individual questions.

As was the case for the Text Summary assignment, all your observations about the text should be backed up with references that allow your reader to see what they are based on; for this purpose, please use in-text parenthetical page references, as in this sample sentence:

> Locke underscores that acts of violence are sometimes perpetrated "upon pretence of Religion" (23).

For parenthetical references to Stone and Williams, please use author name + page number. For references to "The Current"/"Faith in the Law," use "The Current"; and please also identify the person you are citing.

Please print your assignment to PDF, double-spaced, with one-inch margins, using an 11–12-point font, and with no cover sheet. Please write your name and "Text Preparation 4" at the top, and indicate the total word count at the end.

Note: Since this is your first reading of this text, taking place before you hear the lecture about it or participate in tutorial discussion about it, the text preparation assignment is simply a first effort at figuring out what the text says, and and completing the assignment is meant to help you get the most out of lecture and discussion. The assignment is not evaluated for whether it demonstrates a good understanding of the readings, but for evidence of your having worked in detail to understand the readings. Your fuller understanding will develop through your participation in the ongoing course activities, and with successive re-readings.

Academic Integrity Notice: This assignment is designed to be completed by means of independent work on the assigned reading selections, aided by the guidance you have received in course materials, the online tutorials, and by consulting the instructor: I am always available to discuss questions or difficulties you encounter as you read and re-read the texts for this class. It is neither necessary nor desirable that you consult outside sources in order to complete this assignment. Please remember that unacknowledged use of such sources constitutes plagiarism and is a violation of the university's Academic Integrity policy. Further, as stated on the course syllabus, using ChatGPT or other AI composition software is a form of academic dishonesty under that policy.

Please keep a copy of your assignment to refer to during our tutorial discussion.