



DANTE'S *DIVINE COMEDY*: A USER'S GUIDE TO SALVATION

Week	Cantica/Cantos	# of Canti	Theme
Week 1	<i>Inferno</i> 1-3	3	Waking up midway through our lives to discover we are utterly lost
Week 2	<i>Inferno</i> 4-6	3	Hell is filled with those who seemed "so worthy and bent on doing good"
Week 3	<i>Inferno</i> 7-10	4	From sins of incontinence to sins of malice
Week 4	<i>Inferno</i> 11-13	3	Trying to attain what is good through violence
Week 5	<i>Inferno</i> 14-17	4	The complete failure of secular humanism
Week 6	<i>Inferno</i> 18-20	3	The many faces of fraud: selling sex, holiness, and the future
Week 7	<i>Inferno</i> 21-23	3	Where men and demons are almost indistinguishable
Week 8	<i>Inferno</i> 24-27	4	Breaking the boundaries of human society for personal gain
Week 9	<i>Inferno</i> 28-30	3	Liars, counterfeiters, alchemists, impersonators: comedy that shouldn't be funny
Week 10	<i>Inferno</i> 31-34	4	When sin has eroded almost all our humanity, all that is left is hatred
Week 11	<i>Purgatorio</i> 1-3	3	Freedom means suffering for a purpose
Week 12	<i>Purgatorio</i> 4-6	3	When the appropriate penalty is having penance delayed
Week 13	<i>Purgatorio</i> 7-9	3	Princes who failed in their duty: when human weakness hurts us all
Week 14	<i>Purgatorio</i> 10-12	3	When talent makes us prideful and God's own art
Week 15	<i>Purgatorio</i> 13-16	4	Envy and wrath: two ways of not seeing people as our brothers
Week 16	<i>Purgatorio</i> 17-20	4	Love moves everything, twisted loves move us from God
Week 17	<i>Purgatorio</i> 21-24	4	Mystery of salvation, Dante's literary apology
Week 18	<i>Purgatorio</i> 25-27	3	Overcoming the final vice, lust and poetry and history
Week 19	<i>Purgatorio</i> 28-30	3	The long-awaited reunion with Beatrice, the procession of salvation history
Week 20	<i>Purgatorio</i> 31-33	3	The reunion doesn't quite go according to plan, salvation history continues
Week 21	<i>Paradiso</i> 1-3	3	The glory of God shines more brightly in some parts than others
Week 22	<i>Paradiso</i> 4-6	3	Vows, the will, the point of secular history
Week 23	<i>Paradiso</i> 6-9	4	Salvation history and secular history cross
Week 24	<i>Paradiso</i> 10-13	4	Heaven of sun and theology: lives of St. Francis and St. Dominic
Week 25	<i>Paradiso</i> 14-17	3	Dante's ancestor, the continued fall of humanity
Week 26	<i>Paradiso</i> 18-20	3	"Love justice, you who rule the earth", the mystery of salvation again
Week 27	<i>Paradiso</i> 21-24	3	The silence of Saturn and ascent to the stars for final exams (Faith)
Week 28	<i>Paradiso</i> 25-27	3	Dante's final exams pt 2, hope and love, interviewing Adam
Week 29	<i>Paradiso</i> 28-30	3	The spiritual cosmos unfolds, a history of angels
Week 30	<i>Paradiso</i> 31-33	3	Preparing for the final vision, the vision attained

* Syllabus subject to modification by instructor.