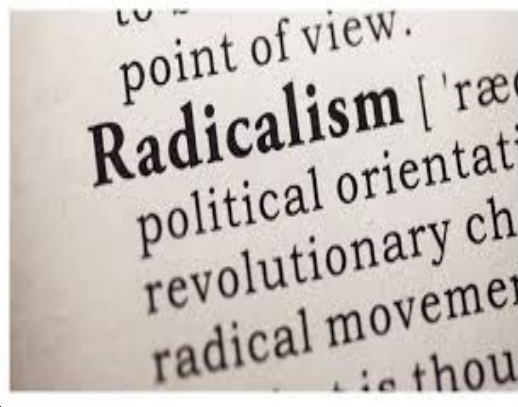
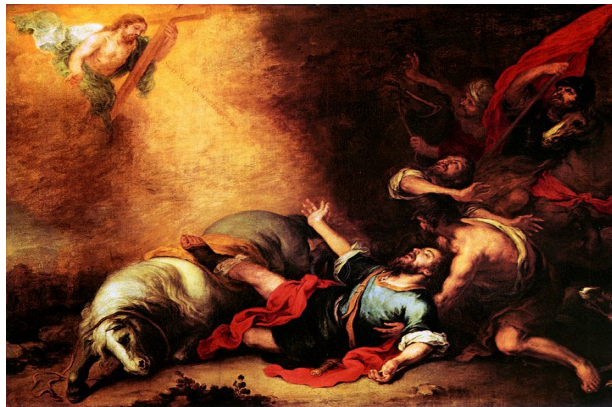


# CONVERSION & RADICALIZATION

## *PHILO 615: Philosophy of Religion*

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### **Description**

Our country is deeply divided over questions in religion, politics, morality, and a host of other issues. To those worried about these divisions, it can seem like people are hopelessly trapped in their own ways of thinking. But people *do* change their minds about fundamental issues. Studying these changes of mind seems like a promising path toward understanding how to reduce division. This class will be devoted to advancing our understanding of two “big” changes of mind: conversion and radicalization. We will pay particular attention to social practices, institutions, and other factors that promote and impede conversion and/or radicalization.

### **Potential Topics**

*Religious Experience • Conversion & Radicalization Narratives • Religious Identity • Transformative Experience • Religious Belief • Pascal's Wager • Open-Mindedness • Extremism • Terrorism • Conspiracy Theories • Echo Chambers • Fake News • Group Polarization • Social Media • Segregation*

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