

**FALL 2017**

**GREAT BOOKS STUDY GROUP**

**AFTERNOON**

**OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> TO DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017**

**COURSE TITLE:** *GREAT BOOKS ROUNDTABLE: RE-READING THE WESTERN CANON OF CLASSICS IN LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY*

**COURSE TEXT:** *Great Books Reading and Discussion Program, Series Two.* Three-volume anthology is the required text. \$33.95. Order directly from the Great Books Foundation at **1-800-222-5870**.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This is an eight-week study group which reads and discusses literary and philosophical texts from a three-volume anthology published by the Great Books Foundation in Chicago. The class is organized around the Socratic "shared inquiry" method of discussion to help participants interpret and evaluate the meanings and ideas of classic works from Western literature and philosophy.

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**READING LIST/SCHEDULE:** All sessions meet on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Church of Tampa, 7308 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa.

10/06/17: **The Crito** (Plato) \*

10/13/17: **The Virtues** (John Dewey)

10/20/17: **Iphigenia at Aulis** (Euripides) \*

10/27/17: **Politics** (Aristotle)

11/03/17: **Notes from the Underground** (Fyodor Dostoevsky)\*

11/10/17: **Exodus** (Bible; King James Version of the Old Testament)

11/17/17: **Origin of Government** (Thomas Hobbes)

12/01/17: **Billy Budd, Sailor** (Herman Melville)\*

**NOTE:** Selections with an asterisk \* are COMPLETE readings; the others are EXCERPTS.

