

Outline Report on ACults and Terrorism@

1. Essentials
 1. Sponsor: Catholic Studies Program
 2. Music Room, 19 October, 1 PM
 3. Gene Gallagher
 1. La Salle class of 1972
 2. Professor at Connecticut College
 1. Many awards and publications
 3. Consultant to many government agencies
2. Terrorism
 1. Definition: illegitimate use of force upon the innocent in order to advance a political, cultural, or religious agenda
 1. Depends upon dualistic thinking BAus@ VS Athem@; A good= VS Aevil@
 2. Historical overview B dates back to Russian Revolution (1917)
 3. Strategic
 4. Symbolic
 1. E.g., world trade centers symbolize American economic dominance
 5. Shapes
 1. identities of terrorists
 2. ultimate destiny of humanity
3. Recent Examples of Terrorism
 1. Timothy McVeigh B bombed Federal Courthouse in Oklahoma City; executed
 2. Michael Bray B arsonist of abortion providers
 3. Shoko Asahara - Japanese Buddhist sect that poisoned Tokyo subways
 1. Osama Bin Laden - mastermind of September 11th Terrorism
4. Summary: Study of religion is ESSENTIAL to understanding of contemporary events
5. Evaluation
 1. Pluses
 1. Timely topic, esp. shows relevance of study of religion
 2. Presenter=s expertise
 2. Minuses
 1. Music room too small for audience
 2. Not enough time for questions from audience