**World Literature—Unit 14 Notes—Images in a Dark Age: The Middle Ages**

**Divine Comedy**

* Dante and the *Divine Comedy—*three separate books
* Sign on the door of hell: What was the founder of hell? What is the final line of the inscription? (very sad words)
* First place in hell (the vestibule): the place of the souls of those who were not part of the rebellion nor were true to God; they pleased neither God nor the devil (read Tozer’s thoughts on p. 392); What are these people doing for eternity? (chasing an unmarked flag, stung by hornets and wasps) What did they do in life?
* Who was Dante’s guide?
* What did Dante have to pass in order to get into Hell proper?
* What does Virgil say about the people who gather at the river Acheron? What was their attitude about entering hell? (117-118)

**Faith**

* Review who Wycliffe was
* Where does faith come from according to Wycliffe?
* What is his interpretation of Peter’s confession to Christ and Christ’s response to it? Is this the correct interpretation?
* At the beginning of this piece, Wycliffe says that faith is the ground for goodness; at the end of the writing, he says that good living makes man to have firm belief and trust in God. This is somewhat of a contradiction is it not? And yet I think he is right.