CONTEMPLATIVE CHRISTIANITY – TODAY

A Meditatio Seminar

Friday 11 May – Sunday 13 May 2018
Swanwick, Derbyshire

Spiritual hunger is growing today and seeking new ways of experiencing. For this reason meditation is being practiced by ever more people. But this contemporary practice comes out of a long and vital tradition. Understanding this helps to deepen our practice.

Our weekend, with one of the world’s greatest experts on the mystical tradition, will explore contemplation as related to this tradition and its relevance for our own time.

Workshop Leaders:
Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard,
Prof Mark Burrows, Chris Hurley,
Daniel Soars, Dr Monica Tobon

Outreach of The World Community for Christian Meditation
Prof Bernard McGinn is regarded as the preeminent scholar of mysticism in the Western Christian Tradition. An internationally respected theologian, and scholar of spirituality, the history of Christianity and Christian thought, he has written comprehensively on these subjects. He is the Naomi Shenstone Donnelly Professor Emeritus of Historical Theology and of the History of Christianity in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Author of many books, his magnum opus is the 7-volume The History of Western Christian Mysticism: The Presence of God series.

Laurence Freeman OSB is a Benedictine monk and the spiritual successor of John Main OSB. He is the Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation. Author, retreat leader and international speaker, Fr Laurence sees the contemplative as the essential dimension of all spirituality.

Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard is a theologian, retreat leader and priest in Anglican Orders. She is a member of WCCM and an honorary research fellow at the Australian Catholic University. She also leads Benedictus, an ecumenical contemplative community. Sarah is the author of Experiencing God in a Time of Crisis and Resurrection and Moral Imagination.

Prof Mark Burrows is a poet, teacher, and scholar of historical theology. He is also a lover of Rilke, cats and German pinot noir. He teaches religion and literature at the University of Applied Sciences in Bochum, Germany. His recent publications are The Chance of Home and Meister Eckhart’s Book of the Heart.

Chris Hurley has been a member of WCCM for 30 years and is an experienced Yoga teacher. She leads Bodywork classes and workshops for meditators throughout the UK.

Daniel Soars studied Modern and Medieval Languages, and Theology at Cambridge, and taught Religious Studies at secondary level. He has an MRes from Heythrop College in Christianity and Interreligious Relations. Now he returns to Cambridge for a PhD focusing on the possibilities of a ‘non-dual’ Christianity as seen through 20th century Catholic engagement with Vedantic Hinduism.

Dr Monica Tobon has lectured on the history of philosophy and Christian spirituality at the Franciscan International Study Centre in Canterbury and is now an Honorary Research Fellow of UCL’s Department of Greek and Latin. Her new book is Apatheia and Anthropology in Evagrius of Pontus (Routledge).

For further information about the Seminar please contact Jacqueline Russell E: jacqrussell3@gmail.com or T: 01296 488450 office hours
PROGRAMME
Our weekend will have regular times of meditation interspersed with talks, workshops and discussions. But there will also be time for personal reflection and for people to meet each other socially. On Sunday Fr Laurence will lead the Contemplative Eucharist.

If you are unable to attend the full weekend you are welcome to come for the day on Saturday.

Full details of the programme is available here http://bit.ly/ContemplativeChristianityToday

VENUE
The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbys. DE55 1AU. It is set in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside with easy travel links. Conference and breakout rooms are all excellent and the accommodation has a variety of rooms. https://www.cct.org.uk/the-hayes/virtual-tour

BURSARIES – Receiving or Donating
Please get in touch if you need financial help to attend the conference. Being able to offer bursaries makes a huge difference to those who are unable to attend the Seminar due to financial constraints. If you are able to provide help towards the bursary fund, please fill in the appropriate section on the form overleaf ... and thank you!

HOW TO REGISTER
You can register online http://bit.ly/ContemplativeChristianityToday
Or you can fill in the Booking Form overleaf.

If you have any questions about your favourite mystic or any aspect of the mystical tradition for Bernard McGinn (or any of the other speakers), please bring these to the Seminar as written questions.

This Meditatio Seminar is in collaboration with WCCM, UK.

To find out more about the work of The World Community for Christian Meditation visit

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(Please write clearly, thank you)

Number of places you wish to book: 

- Single Ensuite £250.00
- Single Non Ensuite £200.00
- Shared room Ensuite £200.00 (per person)

You can also register for the Saturday from 9.00 am to 9.30 pm with coffee, lunch, tea and supper.

- Day rate (Saturday only) £85.00

Do you have any dietary requirements? Please specify: 

Do you require a room that is adapted for ease of access? 
Yes/No (please circle)

Voluntary Donations for Bursaries: £
Booking fees £
Total £

Please detach the competed form and return with your cheque made payable to WCCM to:
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