Welcome to the newsletter for the Centre for Theology, Science and Culture (CTSC) based at the Adelaide College of Divinity (ACD), Brooklyn Park, South Australia.

2005 Australasian Theological Forum's Book Prize


Bible Lands Study Tour

This 17 day tour commences on the 26th December 2005 and finishes on 13th January 2006. It is a shortened version of the longer Dec 06 - Jan 07 tour. You will travel to Greece, to Athens and Corinth and then fly into Israel, visiting the sites associated with Jesus and early Christianity, around the Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem. It is a wonderful opportunity for those who don’t have the luxury of much time, but would like to visit these places in an informed, comfortable and safe way. Contact Dr Michael Trainor (8416 8476 or michael.trainor@flinders.edu.au). A few vacancies left.

Conversations Continue

Recent events have included a very successful conversation on Thursday 18th August where Dr Stephen Downs and Dr Peter Morton spoke about the *The Da Vinci Code: Good Fun or Dangerous Text*. The conversation drew a crowd of some 60 people. Xanthe Kleinig advertised the conversation a few weeks ahead of time in the Monday Advertiser, no doubt, giving a wider audience notice of the event.

Earlier conversations were based on *Religion and Politics* with Rev Dr Andrew Dutney and Dr Anthony Langlois on the 17th March and then *Genetic Engineering* with Graham McIntosh from the CSIRO on the 19th May. On 20th October Dr Benjii Callen and a PhD student Jason John spoke on *Being Nanominded about God: What does nanotechnology reveal about God and the church?*
Research Forums
Our Research Forum meetings have included Dr John Polkinghorne on the 7th July and Dr Christopher Newell on the 2nd September with the discussion covering a wide range of issues. Dr Peter Trudinger presented The Psalms of the Tamid Service: Locating a Text in its Ritual Context. This presentation was based on his book titled The Psalms of the Tamid Service: A Liturgical Text from the Second Temple (SVT 98; Leiden: Brill, 2004) The most recent research forum was on the 6th October with Rev Dr Allan Cadwallader speaking on New Discoveries at Colossae.

The last research forum planned for 2005 is on Thursday 3rd November where the Adelaide college of Divinity's Artist in Residence, Yvonne Ashby, will share her reflections.

Membership
CTSC is delighted to have over 100 members. Please don't hesitate to encourage others to join. We remind all members outside the School of Theology and the Adelaide College of Divinity that an annual service fee of $10 is required. If you have not forwarded a service fee please, just put your fee in an envelope and write your name, address and email address on the back of the envelope and send it to our Membership Officer, Ms Jules Munchenberg on 8416 8420 or p-wcollege@flinders.edu.au

Exciting Plans for Adelaide Festival Fringe 2006
CTSC Board members have begun planning an art exhibition Celebrating the Spirit as part of the 2006 Fringe Festival. This free event builds upon the successes of the four previous ACD Exploring Australian Spirituality Art Exhibitions held as part of the 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004 Fringe Festivals. This event will be advertised in the Adelaide Fringe Festival Program.

Art Exhibition
The dates and times of the exhibition are: Sun 26 February, 1-5, 8-12 March 1pm-5pm.
Highlights:
• Sunday 26 February, 3pm - opening, with guest speaker
• Sunday 5 March, 3pm - artists discuss their work.
• Thursday 9 March, 5 - 6.30pm - conversation on theology and the arts

Congratulations on gaining doctorates
The Centre offers its congratulations to the following students on completing their thesis during the past year:
• Lorna Hallahan In my flesh shall I see God's journeys around disability and theology
• Steven Ogden The presence of God in the world: A contribution to postmodern Christology based on the theologies of Paul Tillich and Karl Rahner
Needham Religious Art Prize
The Needham Religious Art Prize Committee is inviting artists to enter the Needham Prize, April 2006. The biennial prize of $4,000 asks artists to interpret or portray an event, character, story or truth from the Bible. The prize is an initiative of the Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier and is proudly supported by Country Arts SA. For entry forms, please send a stamped self addressed envelope to The Needham Committee, PO Box 1357, Mount Gambier SA 5290 or phone Ros 8725 8680.

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