

Talk 1 – Soul in the System

Meditation or mindfulness practice is often promoted as a way of helping us cope better with the demands of daily life. Meditation is said to build resilience and reduce anxiety, and so it does. But at what point does ‘coping’ become ‘colluding’? If we’re asked to work in unjust systems, or to live in an inhuman way, should we be learning to adapt ourselves to such demands? This talk explores the notion of ‘mysticism as resistance’ and asks how contemplative practice and community might empower souls to transform, and not simply survive, the system.

Talk 2 – Poetry, Contemplation and the ‘G-word’

Many people today seek spiritual wisdom and strength to navigate the challenges of our world. Yet for many, the word ‘God’ feels difficult to say; the reality it points to seems doubtful at best. Do we really need it? Can we go on, spiritually speaking, without it? Drawing on the wisdom of poets, Scripture and contemplation, this talk reflects on the meaning of the G-word and its significance for contemporary experience.

THE MEDITATIO CENTRE, LONDON
SATURDAY 15 JUNE
10,30 AM -4.00 PM

Shouting, Cancelling, Signalling: Christ and the Anxieties of Speech

The possibility of dialogue, questioning and honest disagreement seems often unattainable, so sensitised are we to certain verbal cues and so charged is our political atmosphere.

Can the Christ who broke down the ‘dividing wall’ between Jew and Gentile redeem our (un)civil discourse? How might contemplative practice make possible different forms of exchange and allow us to inhabit our words anew?

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The Call of Contemplative Church





CHEPSTOW

Wednesday 12 June 1.30 - 3.30 pm

Poetry, Contemplation and the 'G-word'

Suggested donation £15.00

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BATH ABBEY

Wednesday 12 June 7.00 - 9.30 pm

Soul in the System

Suggested donation £15

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<https://tinyurl.com/SBBath>

SALISBURY

Thursday 13 June 2.30 - 4.00 pm

Soul in the System

Suggested donation £10

7.00 - 8.30 pm

Poetry, Contemplation and the 'G-word'

Suggested donation £10

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LEEDS MINSTER

Monday 10 June

2.00 - 4.00 pm

Soul in the System

Suggested donation £10

<http://tinyurl.com/Soulinthesystem>

7.00- 9.00pm -

Poetry, Contemplation and the 'G-word'

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BIRMINGHAM

Tuesday 11 June

6.00 - 7.00 pm

Soul in the System

Donations welcome

Refreshments

7.30 - 8.30 pm

Poetry, Contemplation and the 'G-word'

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