

BROTHERS OF KARAMAZOV.

The "Brothers of Karamazov" monthly lecture series ran from 1985 to 1989. It was held on the third Thursday of the month under the auspices of the Existentialist Society in the Royal Society of Victoria's lecture hall.

The lectures were for those interested in:

1. Fyodor Dostoyevsky, his life and works.
2. Comparative Religion and the problems of suffering and the origin of evil.
3. The history of the various religions and their influence on each other's development.

Suggested reading:

1. "The Brothers Karamazov" by Fyodor Dostoyevsky. (In which Ivan Karamazov asks one of the questions central to the theme of the lecture series - Why did a supposedly perfect God create a world in which innocent children suffer and die in agony?)
2. The 'Rejection of Salvation' chapter in "The Rebel" by Albert Camus.
3. "God and Evil: Readings on the Theological Problem of Evil", edited by Nelson Pike.
4. "Banished from the Land of Unity: Dostoyevsky's religious vision through the eyes of Dmitry, Ivan and Alyosha Karamazov", in "Radical Theology and The Death of God" by Thomas Altizer and William Hamilton.

PAST LECTURES: 1985 – 1989

1985

- Feb. David Miller
"Dostoyevsky's Dilemma"
- Mar. John Noack
"Jung's Good and Evil Deity"
- Apr. John Dunham
"Hinduism and the Mythology of Evil"
- May Lawrence Bagg
"Which Brother is the Real Dostoyevsky?"
- June Harry Wardlaw
"Christianity and Evil"
- July Andrew Hamilton
"Gnostic Heresies and the Problem of Evil"
- Aug. Abdullah Newman
"Islam and the Problems of Suffering and Evil"
- Sep. Elizabeth Bell
"Buddhism and the Transcendence of Suffering"
- Oct. Harold Stainsby
"The Theological Problem of Evil"
- Nov. Les Allan
"Philosophical Aspects of the Problem of Evil"

1986

- Feb. Chaim Gutnick
"Where Judaism Stands"
- Mar. ? (Sikh scholar)
"The Sikh Philosophy"

- Apr. John K Williams
 "Dostoyevsky's Christ and the Historical Jesus"
- May Gary Thompson
 "The Origin of the Biblical God in Syrian Paganism"
- June ? (Dominican Priest)
 "Manichaeism and the Problem of Evil"
- July Judith Armstrong
 "Good, Evil and Dostoyevsky's 'House of the Dead'."
- Aug. Noel Wallace
 "Aboriginal Spiritual Beliefs: Their relationship with the country"
- Sep. Purushottama Bilimoria
 "Gandhian Ethics of Non-Violence"
- Oct. John Fox
 "Humanism and the Problem of Evil"
- Nov. Lawrence Bagg
 "Foreshadowings of Irresolvable Problems in Dostoyevsky"

1987

- Feb. Bruce Langtry
 "Does Evil Render Theism Incredible?"
- Mar. David Miller
 "A Zoroastrian Interpretation of Ivan Karamazov's Dilemma"
- Apr. Greg Bailey
 "Buddhism and the Problem of Evil"
- May Millicent Vladiv
 "Dostoyevsky's 'The Idiot' and Existential Psychology"
- June Gary Thompson
 "Evolution or Creation? The Development of the Modern Controversy"
- July Claire French
 "Pre-Christian Spirituality in Europe"
- Aug. Guy Bunnens
 "The Hurrians"
- Sep. Les Allan
 "Can Life Have a Meaning Without Gods and Goddesses?"
- Oct. John Dunham
 "Sacred and Secular Images of India"
- Nov. Judith Armstrong
 "Ethical Poles in Dostoyevsky's 'House of the Dead'."

1988

- Feb. John Fox
 "Evil as a Problem for Humanists"
- Mar. David Miller
 "Gnosticism and Existentialism"
- Apr. Ron Ridley
 "Mithraism: The Last Opponent of Christianity"
- May Steven Higson
 "Nordic-Gothic Beliefs"
- June Lawrence Bagg
 "Dostoyevsky's Fascination with the Lunatic Fringe"
- July John Quinlem

- “Evil and Suffering: The Chinese and Japanese Experiences”
- Aug. Bob Adamson
“The Nature of Self-Enquiry”
- Sep. Gary Thompson
“The Journey of the Soul in Western Mysticism”
- Oct. John Noack
“The Christian ‘Heresies’ and the Origin of Islam”
- Nov. Robert Miller
“God and Evil: Ivan Karamazov’s Errors”

1989

- Feb. Nicholas Karipoff
“The Essence of Orthodoxy”
- Mar. Millicent Vladiv
Dostoyevsky’s Novel ‘The Possessed’ as a Critique of Radical Socialism and Nihilism”
- Apr. David Miller
“Manichaeism and Existentialism”
- May Kerreen Reiger
“Intersubjectivity as Salvation? Feminist Critiques of Western Rationality and Religion”
- June Robin Jackson
“Orpheus and the Orphic Religion”
- July Richard Brown
“Dostoyevsky’s Resurrection”
- Aug. Steven Higson
“Rudolf Steiner’s Anthroposophy and the Problem of Evil”
- Sep. Geoff Forster
“The Problem of Evil Revisited”
- Oct. Gay Thompson
“The Rise of Astrology: 2000 BC to 500 AD”
- Nov. Geraldine Kunstler
“A Psychoanalysis of Dostoyevsky”