

The study of Philosophy can help us discover our true nature and guide us to live an authentic life. Every age has its own master teachers and our series of summer lectures will explore the wisdom of their messages and the influence on the age in which they lived.

"Man is a great miracle, a being to be adored and honoured.."
(Asclepius)

The aim for each generation is to uncover this Truth for themselves and make it new and fresh for the current age

***"The new is in the old concealed,
the old is in the new revealed."*** (St Augustine)

Tuesday Evenings

18 Chester Street
Edinburgh

Thursday Evenings

Park House
Bellahouston Park
Glasgow

11th July-24th August

All Lectures begin at 7.30 pm

Any student who has been introduced to meditation and wishes to meditate can do so at 7pm

Evening charge (inclusive of refreshments) £6

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Summer Lectures 2017

The Academy



An Oil Painting by Charles Hardaker

1. The Parmenidean Challenge
Dr Graham Blackburn 11th & 13th July

Greek philosophy changed utterly after Parmenides' poem "On Nature" appeared early in the 5th century B.C., arguing that reality is One and that change is impossible. Responses ranged from the atomic theory to Plato's theory of forms. What was the force of Parmenides' argument, and why is such an influential philosopher so little known today?

2. Moses
Margaret Ann Fraser 18th & 20th July

Moses led the people out of bondage in Egypt. A place where people were caught up in materialism and those in positions of power appeared to have a total disregard for those beneath them. The transition from a materialistic value system takes time.....40years in the wilderness.

3. The Wisdom of Hermes Trismegistus
Alan Bryan / Diane Piper 25th & 27th July

The philosophy of Hermes Trismegistus shows how the unlimited potential of man can be released through the living experience of unity

"Human beings are formed of both spirit and body so they could do justice to their twofold origin; they could wonder at and adore the celestial while they could also care for and govern the things of the earth."

4. St. Augustine and the 2 Cities
Jamie Dobson 1st & 3rd August

St Augustine of Hippo was the outstanding, seminal figure in the early Christian Church. His works formed the intellectual framework in which the Church, and hence Europe, developed in the first millennium.

5. The Ghost of Plato on Desert Island Discs
David Griffin 8th & 10th August

This question and answer style talk will cover the background to Plato, his relationship with Socrates and his thoughts on how a just society would be constituted as described in Laws.

6. A Journey with William Blake
Irene Patton 15th & 17th August

Blake was a poet, artist and writer who wanted to open our eyes to the world of spirit and imagination as it mingles with the mundane world. He wanted to make us aware of another world behind the appearances.

"If the doors of perception were cleansed everything would appear to man as it is, Infinite. For man has closed himself up, till he sees all things thro' narrow chinks of his cavern."

7. Fault lines in the Enlightenment Project
Robert Parsons 22nd & 24th August

Contemporary events and recent history suggest that an Age of Reason, if not permeated through and through by Adwaita, must inevitably come adrift and fail to fulfil its glittering promises.

Mornings of Meditation (Meditating students only)

When meditation is right, peace and stillness follow at all three levels of one's being

Saturday 29th July Chester Street, Edinburgh, 9.00am to 12.00md
Sunday 30th July Park House, Glasgow 9.00am to 12.00md
Doris Cleghorn