

John Main Seminar Bruges



A Contemplative Response to the Crisis of Change

Thursday 20 to Sunday 23 September 2018

With

Charles Taylor

Herman Van Rompuy

Teresa Forcades

Robert Johnson

Sean Hagan

Barry White

Marco Schorlemmer

and other Workshop Leaders

Pre-Seminar Silent Retreat

Experience and Meaning with Laurence Freeman, OSB

Monday 17 to Thursday 20 September 2018



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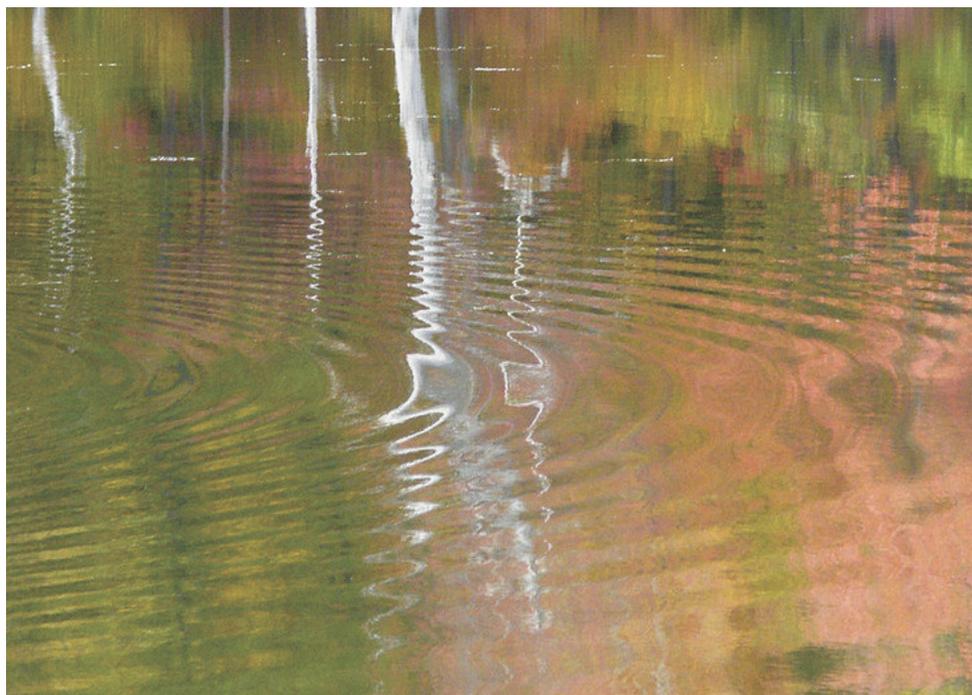
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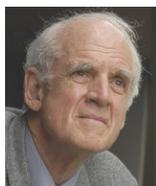
'May you live in interesting times' sounds like a blessing but is said by some to have been meant as a curse. Whether our own interesting times are blessed or cursed will depend upon how wisely we understand the dangers and opportunities they carry.

This year's John Main Seminar combines creative thinkers from major areas of the modern crisis – from fields in which Meditatio has been exploring the contemplative approach to these challenges. They share extensive experience in their fields, a contemplative perspective, and a belief in the transformative influence of meditation.

Each speaker will present a new vision for their field that will contribute to a new clarity and depth of perspective in our transition to – we hope – a more just and peaceful world. There will be workshops and discussion panels, as well as the usual opportunity to meditate together. As always the annual John Main Seminar of The World Community for Christian Meditation, will combine creative thinking and the work of silence.



Speakers



Charles Taylor will talk on the diversity of new manifestations of wisdom in a secular age.

He is a philosopher from Canada and Professor Emeritus at McGill University. He is known for his contributions to political philosophy, the philosophy of social science, history of philosophy and intellectual history which have earned him prestigious prizes including the Templeton Prize.



Herman van Rompuy will address the crisis of democracy and the way politics can handle the management of division.

He is a Belgian and EU politician, who formerly served as Prime Minister of Belgium and then as the first President of the European Council.



Sr Teresa Forcades will present challenging new ideas on Faith and Belonging.

She is a contemplative Benedictine nun of Montserrat and an active political and social commentator in Catalonia. She is also a medical doctor and a theologian.



Dr Barry White will present his ideas and work of bringing a contemplative practice to transform healthcare.

He is Consultant Hematologist at St James's Hospital, Dublin and National Hemophilia Director and was the first National Director of Clinical Care for the Irish Health Executive. He is CEO of a new healthcare system that will integrate contemplative insights with clinical care.



Sean Hagan will speak on leadership and also assist in the synthesis of the ideas generated.

He is the General Counsel of the International Monetary Fund and Fellow of Kings College, London.



Robert Johnson will speak on how a new mindset in economics can promote a new world order based on principles of peace and justice.

He is the Executive Director of the Institute for New Economic Thinking, a Senior Fellow and Director of the Project on Global Finance at the Roosevelt Institute.



Marco Schorlemmer will speak about the need to nurture the contemplative core of scientific enquiry for our emerging knowledge to encourage innovative societies.

He is a senior scientist at the Artificial Intelligence Research Institute of the Spanish National Research Council and was co-coordinator of the Science Group in the National Plan for Values of the Catalan government.

Workshop Leaders



Liz Watson Meditation: Healing and Hope

As a long standing member of the World Community for Christian Meditation, Liz has served in various capacities including UK National Coordinator. She now focuses on teaching meditation, leading retreats, and offering spiritual direction.



Cathy Day Contemplative Education

Recently retired as the Executive Director of Townsville Catholic Education Office in Australia, where under her leadership she created and implemented a world-first Christian Meditation program for all Catholic schools in the Diocese.



Lieven Boeve Contemplative Education

A Professor at the Catholic University Leuven, Lieven is from Belgium. He is also the Chair of the Centre for Academic Teacher's Training, KU Leuven and Director General of the Flemish Secretary for Catholic Education.



Catherine Goodman Art and Society

A painter based in London, Catherine trained at Camberwell School of Arts & Crafts, and the Royal Academy Schools, at which she won the Royal Academy Gold Medal in 1987. She co-founded the Royal Drawing School with HRH The Prince of Wales where she is the Artistic Director and Academic Board Member.



Jenny Scott Theology in a Secular Age?

Currently the Executive Director for the World Community for Christian Meditation, Jenny was, until recently, the Communications Director and co-Head of Strategy at the Bank of England and Adviser to the Governor. She is an economist by training and also spent 16 years as an economic and political journalist for Reuters and the BBC.



Elizabeth Cardone Reimagining Contemplative Charisms

A student of Theology at Villanova University in the US and has served as the director of the John Main Center for Meditation and Inter-religious Dialogue at Georgetown University. She will speak about the recent renewal in residential contemplative lay communities, while exploring the ancient roots of this trend, as well as models from contemporary Buddhism.

How to make your payment

Online

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By Paypal

Address: vmgeert@telenet.be

By Cheque

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General Information

Pre-Seminar Silent Retreat 17–20 September 2018

The retreat will be held at the Diocesan Centre Goenhove in Torhout. Accommodation offered will be on a full board and lodging basis. Both shared and single bedrooms will be available. There will be a coach to take you to the venue at the Station in Bruges. The coach will be at the back of the station by the exit St-Michiels and will leave at 13.30.

Registration will start at 15.00 and the retreat opens at 17.00. The first session at 19.00. The retreat will finish at 9.30 am on 20 September. The coach will take the participants back to Bruges for the Seminar.

The John Main Seminar 20–23 September 2018

The Seminar will be held in the beautiful city of Bruges. The venue, Oud Sint-Jan, was a medieval hospital. The Seminar is on a day only basis and participants are requested to book their own hotel accommodation. There are many hotels within walking distance of the venue.

The venue's address is: Oud Sint-Jan, Zonnekemeers, 8000 Brugge, Belgium www.oudsintjan.be To book your hotel please see www.jms2018.org

Registration for the Seminar will start at 15.00 and the opening session will be at 19.00. The Seminar will close on 23 September at 13.00.

Post-Seminar Pilgrimage to Flanders Fields 24 & 25 September 2018

You will need to book your own accommodation for this in Bruges.

Registration Information

Registration closes on 31 August 2018.

There is an Early Bird Discount if you register by 30 June 2018. After that the price will increase by €50 for the Silent Retreat and €50 for the Seminar.

If you cancel your booking for the Retreat and/or Seminar before 31 August 2018 a 50% refund will be given. No refund can be made after that date. If you need to cancel your registration and request a refund, please email jms2018.be@gmail.com For cancelling your hotel please see your hotel's policy.

Bursaries

A limited number of partial scholarships are available. For further information see www.jms2018.org

Pre- and Post-Seminar Events

Pre-Seminar Silent Retreat 17–20 September 2018

Experience and Meaning with Laurence Freeman, OSB

We often associate spirituality with personal experience and religion with meaning that is expressed in dogma – but on examination it is never so clear-cut. Contemplative consciousness – the theme of the seminar that follows the retreat – allows us to see a more inclusive picture. This vision then becomes the basis for dialogue and ultimately for peace in a world too full of hard divisions.



The retreat will combine experience by way of the meditation sessions and meaning by way of reflection in the friendship that meditation creates.

Laurence Freeman is a Benedictine monk and the spiritual successor of John Main. 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.

Tour of Bruges 20 September 2018, 12.00–16.00

The Contemplative Life in Bruges

Post-Seminar Pilgrimage to Flanders Fields 24–25 September 2018

Believe in Peace

In this contemplative pilgrimage we will remember the many men and women who died in the First World War which ended 100 years ago and reflect on how we can bring peace to this world. On the first day we will visit Ypres and Passchendaele. We will share a moment of silence at the daily ceremony under the Menin Gate. The second day will be in remembrance of the Second World War at Dunkirk.



For any further information about the John Main Seminar and related events please visit the website www.jms2018.org

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