

Dunedin has joined the many cities in the world in which a University of the Third Age has been founded

Beginning in France in the mid seventies the U3A movement has now spread to most countries and has many hundreds of thousands of members.

U3A is a response to the idea that human life is divided into three periods: firstly, childhood and schooling; secondly, child rearing and work; and thirdly retirement.

The third age is seen to provide the greatest opportunities for learning and understanding because it is during this period of retirement that the idea of a university as a community of those who seek greater understanding through learning can be put into practice.

The unique characteristics of U3A

- Learning topics are selected by the members
- Indepth courses are planned by members
- Opportunities for reading, research and discussion are provided
- Presenters/facilitators are usually members of the groups
- The company of others who enjoy learning is ensured
- The atmosphere for learning is informal and friendly
- There are no examinations
- There are no compulsory activities
- Courses take place during daylight hours
- Costs are minimal and within the reach of everybody

ADMINISTRATION

Dates: Wednesdays

Time: 10.00-12.00

Fee: \$40.00

Tea and coffee provided

Enrolments -Limited to 50

You are able to enrol in more than one programme (subject to numbers).

If you wish to enrol for more than one programme, you *must indicate your choice* on the Enrolment Form.

To be received on or before Wednesday 27th August 2001 **Unless you are contacted beforehand you may assume you are in the class.**

Venue:

All sessions are held in the Frank Nichol Room, Knox College

Session Leaders

Albert Moore

David McKenzie

Margaret Cameron

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Dunedin Charitable Trust

A NEW LEARNING OPTION FOR THE RETIRED

THE BIBLE: MODERN QUESTIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP

12 September -31 October 2001

Rodgers & Associates
Law Practice

THE BIBLE

1st choice ___ 2nd choice ___ 3rd choice ___
Please tick appropriate spaces.

Surname: _____ M ___ F ___

Name for Name Tag: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Payment

Course Fee: \$40

Cheques payable to Rodgers and Associates

Please complete and return to:

U3A

Rodgers and Associates

P O Box 6200

Dunedin North

on or before Monday 27th August 2001

Enquiries to:

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The Programme

The Bible is valued as a book of religious devotion and as part of the world's cultural heritage. But for many it remains a closed book from the distant past and beset by many questions from modern life and knowledge: How did the Bible originate? What is fact and fiction in the Bible?

This U3A course seeks to enhance understanding of the Bible in its religious and cultural influence. It seeks to discuss significant issues raised by modern scholars and to take seriously issues raised by modern scholars and to take seriously the questions from U3A group members. It seeks to present an overview of modern Biblical scholarship currently available to the intelligent inquirer through books and university research and teaching.

THE BIBLE PROGRAMME 2001 (Wednesdays 10.00-12.00)

- 12th Sept 9.30 start. Coffee at Knox then bus to Dunedin Library. Bibles down the ages: visit to the Reed collection - **Ian Stuart**
- 19th Sept. Bible and modern questions: history and cultural heritage. **Albert Moore and David McKenzie**. All questions from members welcome.
- 26th Sept Hebrew Bible: Old Testament and modern scholarship. **Maurice Andrew**
- 3rd Oct New Testament: the Gospels and the classic quest for the historical Jesus. **Greg Dawes**
- 10th Oct Demythologising the New Testament: Rudolf Bultmann's controversial 20th century programme. **Albert Moore**
- 17th Oct A debate on the Resurrection: views of two well known scholars, radical and conservative (represented by **Katherine Dolby and David McKenzie**)
- 24th Oct The Bible across cultures: 20th century Africa and Asia. **Gerald Pillay**. Is the Bible "Western"?
- 31st Oct The Bible in education and culture, NZ. **David McKenzie**. Concluding panel discussion of questions previously submitted by members.

RETAIN THIS PORTION

Please make a note of your first preference for a course.