

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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
- In depth 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 reach of everybody

The U3A Dunedin Charitable Trust has recently entered into a partnership with the University of Otago which will enhance their shared community of interest by continuing to provide a programme of non-credit educational courses while further utilising the expertise and resources of the University.

ADMINISTRATION

DISCUSSION GROUP: "GOD OR GODSWALLOP: THAT IS THE QUESTION"

Dates: 8 September to 13 October

Time: 10.00 am to noon

Fee: \$30

Tea and coffee provided

Enrolments -- limited to 15

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 **mid-day Wednesday, 10 August**. After the draw those who were unsuccessful will be notified by 23 August.

Venue

All sessions are held in the Library, Salmond Hall, Knox Street, NE Valley.

Course Organiser

Donald Feist (476 3268)

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A LEARNING OPTION FOR THE RETIRED

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Rodgers & Associates
Law Practice

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

First Name for Name Tag: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Payment

Course Fee: \$30

Cheques payable to Rodgers and Associates

Please complete and return to:

U3A

Rodgers and Associates

151-155 Princes Street

PO Box 6200

Dunedin

on or before noon

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The Programme

This discussion course will be based on a small book with this title written by Marian Barnes of the Bay of Islands U3A.

Marian describes, honestly, clearly, and without theological language, how she has moved from an unthinking, unreflective Christian position to atheism, and then, more recently, through stages she calls "God Mark I", "God Mark II", "God Mark III" -- which seem to her less inadequate and better fitted to our time than either atheism or a conventional Christian concept of God.

This course will use Marian's book as a starting point and outline, but our discussion of her ideas, or our own ideas or experience, will be in the hands of course members, with the guidance of the facilitator.

The book costs \$15 and is available from the U3A Secretary, Judith Gray (phone: 467 2619 or e-mail: graysinn@clear.net.nz).

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PROGRAMME 2005

Thursdays, 10.am to noon

Venue: The Library, Salmond Hall

8 September

15 September

22 September

29 September

6 October

13 October

The facilitator for all sessions is Donald Feist.

**RETAIN THIS PORTION -- remember
your 1st choice**