

Conversation with Hugh Mackay

An amazing opportunity for a conversation with well known Australian social researcher, writer and commentator Hugh Mackay.

Sat May 7th 1pm - 3pm

Church of the Trinity, 318 Goodwood Rd, Clarence Park

Gold coin donation

Please RSVP to Susan Burt susan@urbannetwork.org.au



Releasing his new book “Beyond Belief” Mackay looks at the various ways we try to find transcendence. Reflecting on his previous book “Art of Belonging”, his research holds important information for church location and presence, and social attitude to spirituality. More information: Urban Mission Network www.urbannetwork.org.au



Beyond Suspicion and Ignorance: Are Australians Islamophobic? Professor Riaz Hassan

University of South Australia International Centre for Muslim & non-Muslim Understanding

Tuesday 12th April, 7-10pm

Effective Living Centre 26 King William Road Wayville.

Tickets \$15 adult, \$12 concession, \$10 Friends of ELC and students.

Bookings www.effectiveliving.org/social-issues/

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Dr Pamela Eisenbaum – a Jewish New Testament scholar <http://www.iliff.edu/learn/your-faculty/pam-eisenbaum/>



David Felton – cofounder of *Living the Questions*

<http://www.livingthequestions.com>

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Climate change: how we can make a difference



Following PCNet's successful Friday Forum in late 2015 - ***Climate Change: the science and the lies*** - there were a lot of questions, among them "Where to from here?" and "What can we do?" So a follow up session was organised in February 2016 with environmental and sustainability consulting professional Andy Chambers of *Seed Consulting Services Pty Ltd*.

Climate change presents challenges for us all. Andy talked about the things we need to focus on to make positive change.

Most important is the need to consider how we make personal behavioural changes, as this is fundamental to creating lasting, positive change that will help to mitigate the impacts of climate change and adapt to what is likely to be a hotter, dryer future.

Andy talked about the need to "disconnect to reconnect" with nature and that through this "reconnection" we will reinvigorate our love for nature, the planet and the "thin blue line" – the atmosphere that sustains us. Andy showed a clip from the stunning film "Planetary" where returning astronauts spoke of their awe at seeing the "thin blue line" from space and being struck at how fragile and small it seems. <http://weareplanetary.com/>

Andy went on to talk about the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) <http://www.globalgoals.org/#the-goals> and how this rekindles what seems to be our lost ability to think systematically and understand that all things are connected and that small changes in ecological systems can have profound impacts. The AtKisson Group was given as an example of a group helping to demonstrate how the SDGs can be related to small everyday actions <http://17goals.org/>

Finally Andy finished with a demonstration of 10 simple things we can all do to combat climate change.

10 things I can do about climate change...

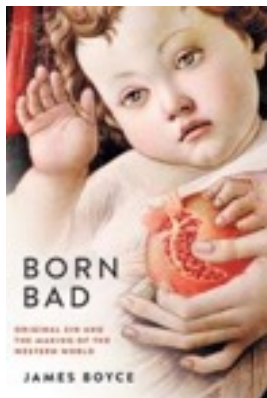
1. Shade north and west facing windows from summer sun. Also let the winter sun in!
2. Reduce water consumption ... water=power. Pumping costs from the River Murray are SA's highest energy use.
3. Check insulation on your house roof. Reduce heating and cooling needs.
4. Buy a solar hot water heater. Hot water can account for 40% of household energy use.
5. Consider purchasing goods with less packaging.
6. Replace lighting with LED's
7. Adaptation - plant trees. In 30+ years shading will reduce heating and cooling needs in your house.
8. Fly less.
9. Soft on the accelerator - save fuel. And emissions.
10. Set heating and cooling as close as possible to 19 degrees (winter) and 24 degrees (summer). 1 degree variation = 10% on your energy bill.

We have seen the highest circle of spiralling powers. We have named this circle God. We might have given it any name we wished: Abyss, Mystery, Absolute Darkness, Absolute Light, Matter, Spirit, Ultimate Hope, Ultimate Despair, Silence. But we have named it God because only this name, for primordial reasons, can stir our hearts profoundly. And this deeply felt emotion is indispensable if we are to touch, body with body, the dread essence beyond logic. Within this gigantic circle of divinity we are in duty bound to separate and perceive clearly the small burning arc of our epoch.

Nikos Kazantzakis: *The Saviours of God*

BORN BAD – REALLY?

A BOOK TO MAKE US REALLY THINK!



James Boyce was a guest author at Adelaide Writer's Week in 2015. He presented his book, which puts forward the fascinating proposal that in spite of the idea of original sin being abhorrent to most people, it is so deeply embedded in the West's cultural psyche that it still haunts us with the assumption that somehow human beings are deeply flawed.

What do we make of such a proposal?

You are invited to share in reading excerpts from this book and then engaging in tantalising discussion!

It is proposed that this happen over **four sessions in the month of May** at the **EFFECTIVE LIVING CENTRE, Christ Church UCA, 26 King William Road, Wayville**. If you are interested then let us know and you can help us negotiate specific dates!

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MEET THE AUTHOR



Author and Jesus Scholar, Dr Lorraine Parkinson
will be the guest at Morialta Uniting Church's
Sunday Forum

Join Dr Parkinson as she discusses her books
The World According to Jesus
*Made on Earth: How Gospel writers created
the Christ*



Sunday 1st May, 11.15 am – 12.30 pm

Followed by a light lunch (cost \$5.00)

RSVP for catering purposes to office@morialtauca.org.au

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