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Searching for a clearer meaning of Christian life

*"I felt like a fish out of water or probably more
like a Lutheran fish in a Reformed pond!"*

I discovered ICS by accident in the summer of 1996. I was newly enrolled in the M.Div. program at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and had enrolled in a summer course through the Toronto School of Theology. For some reason, this particular course was relocated to the ICS building. On my breaks I would leaf through the books and journals in the lobby area and found myself attracted to the materials and topics. I returned to seminary that fall and promptly forgot about ICS. Then, in 1999 I rediscovered ICS when it was suggested to me that I interview Henk Hart for the field research component of my M. Div thesis. It was during this interview that I knew I had to apply to study at ICS once I finished my M. Div. I knew that ICS would



be an educational institution that would provide me with the learning setting I yearned for and give me the opportunity to work through the many questions I had. Has ICS lived up to my expectations? Yes! Initially I felt like a fish out of water or

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The art of Andrea Bush Rowe

ICS alumna featured at Toronto gallery

Andrea Bush Rowe's paintings evoke associations philosophical, spiritual, and physical. Specifically, the uses of colour and shape remind many of landscape



features, while dark gaps and folds, fissures and lines, may convey a sense that we know less now than the sum of all we've ever learned about God's world. Slowly jostling pieces of sky, like weightless tectonic plates, sometimes reveal a darkness behind. Or the sky and land undulate out into our space as the canvas itself assumes different shapes. Painted trees look like large folded or segmented gloves in position of prayer. In recent works, grids of colour follow the curves of shaped canvas, twisting in and out of tight spots and out into broad expanses. Transparent light and dark areas float over the painted grids,

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Loretta Jaunzarins
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members and staff and quickly integrated into the life of the community. I struggled to understand the Reformed tradition – especially its philosophical history – while students from the Reformed tradition were able to accept this struggling Lutheran. But what has been

The legacy of H. Evan Runner

As I write this, plans are rapidly developing for a public event in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to celebrate the designation of one of the Institute's key faculty posts as the “H. Evan Runner Chair in the History of Philosophy.” This designation will honour a person whose visionary and sacrificial leadership played a very significant role in the intellectual and spiritual development of ICS.

Throughout his lengthy teaching career at Calvin College, Dr. H. Evan Runner was a dynamic advocate of a thoroughly Christian approach to philosophy in all of its many fields. Runner asked his students to join him in rethinking the entire history of Western philosophy and to work toward a fresh and biblical understanding of culture, politics, economics and technology. Outside of class, Runner served as the mentor of the Groen Club, a study group which played an extremely formative role in the lives of a great number of Calvin students in philosophy, theology, and other fields.

Even more significant was Runner's influence on the world of education and scholarship beyond Calvin College. In the 1950's Runner gave inspirational leadership to the Association for the Advancement of Christian Scholarship with his vision of a rigorous academic centre committed to preparing a new generation of leaders to make an integral Christian contribution to education and culture. When the Association established the Institute for Christian Studies in 1967, Runner's opening address challenged the new graduate school to put its confidence solely in the Word of God, “bringing Spirit into play against spirit, ranging Word against word.” The Institute's first three faculty members were all Runner's former students, as were several other staff members. Runner can be described as the spiritual and intellectual father

of the Institute; for ICS, Runner's formative influence is comparable to the impact of Abraham Kuyper and Herman Dooyeweerd in previous generations.

Runner's influence was by no means limited to Calvin College and ICS. Dordt College in Iowa, The King's University College in Alberta, Trinity Christian College in Illinois, and Redeemer University College in Ontario were also strongly shaped by educational philosophies that draw on his ideas and emphases. In 1992 Runner delivered the keynote address at the twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations of ICS, and In 1994, at the age of 78, he spoke with his usual vision and passion at the opening of the Dooyeweerd Centre for Christian Philosophy at Redeemer University College.

The creation of the H. Evan Runner Chair in the History of Philosophy not only honours this dedicated leader's legacy in the development of the Institute for Christian Studies, but also recognizes him as an important contributor to the reformational philosophical tradition, which has shaped ICS. Study of the history of philosophy plays a central role in the curriculum of ICS. The naming of this Chair signals the Institute's commitment to build on and develop the Christian understanding of the history of philosophy which motivated Runner's work. This will help extend Runner's legacy to future generations.

It is out of a sense of deep thankfulness to God for the gifts entrusted to us through H. Evan Runner that ICS has decided to name a Chair in his honour.

Amy Leubolt

most intense over the past seven months has been the challenge to my worldview.

Through my courses, and other activities, I have begun to have a clearer meaning of discipleship and living a Christian life. Even my sense and direction of ministry has been challenged and changed.

My commute into Toronto from

Kitchener a couple of times a week has been worth it. I feel like my eyes have been opened by the people at ICS and also by the city of Toronto. The intimate learning experiences at ICS are easily taken into a larger context for practice and feedback. ICS is a discipleship and leadership training ground like no other. I have enjoyed the

ecumenical atmosphere and the focus and identity of ministry for all followers of Christ in any situation.

Andrea Bush Rowe
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following other wrinkles in the canvas.

Andrea has been painting and exhibiting in Toronto and the U.S. since graduating

from ICS with a M. Phil. F. in Aesthetics in 1993. Her mentor was Dr. Calvin Seerveld.

“Nine in One” group exhibition at A.G. Ornoch Gallery, 80 Spadina Avenue Suite 307, tel. 416-361-2033. Opening Saturday March 31, 2-5 pm. Show continues until April 21st.

student & alumni news

Juma Ogeke, ICS student from Kenya, and his family have received Canadian Landed Immigrant Status. We wish all the blessings to them as they make Canada their home. Eventually, Juma and his wife hope to return to Kenya to teach and minister there.

ICS alumnus, **Donald Knudsen** (1987), graduated with a Masters of Education degree from Beaver College, in Philadelphia. He is currently working as a teacher and therapist for a consortium social agency in conjunction with the University of Philadelphia.

On January 12th, **Tod Moquist** successfully defended his M.Phil.F. Thesis on Reinhold Niebuhr in an oral examination. The remarkable thing about his exam is that Tod first came to ICS as a student in the 1970s'. Although he did not complete his program at the time, he requested (and received) special permission to re-activate his studies. Congratulations Tod! Tod can be contacted at gomoq@aol.com.

Stanley Carlson-Thies, a student of ICS political theorist Bernard Zylstra from 1973-1976, has just been appointed to a staff position at the White House. Carlson-Thies has worked for the Center for Public Justice in Washington DC as Director of Social Policy Studies for several years, and was recently appointed as Associate Director of Law and Policy in the new White House Office for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Dr. Warren Piers, long time supporter and current member of the Board of Trustees, has been named a Steacie Fellow for 2001-2003 the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. For more information on this Major Canadian Science Award see <http://www.nserc.ca/> (Re: "Calgary Professor....").

ICS Symposium Series



On February 15th, **Ron Kuipers** presented a paper entitled *Speaking of Spirit: The Meaning of Religious Language Uses and the Public Justification of Faith* in a symposium for ICS faculty and students.

On March 29th, **Elaine**

Botha, Professor of Philosophy at Redeemer University College, presented a symposium entitled *How Metaphorical is Religious Language?*

Art Talks!

The Ruth Memorial Series on the Arts & Culture



“
Jeremy Begbie is a highly original thinker as well as a captivating speaker and performer who enables us to engage with music and theology in refreshingly new ways.
”

Dr. Adrienne Dengerink Chaplin,
ICS professor of
Philosophical
Aesthetics

The Jazz of Life: The Wonder of Music in Theological Perspective

Free Lecture: Friday, May 11, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Does Music talk? Music and word in theological perspective

In this multimedia performance-lecture, Jeremy Begbie will explore how musical phenomena such as rhythm, metre, resolution, repetition, and improvisation can open up some of the central themes of the Christian faith. In so doing, he shows that music can not only refresh theology with new models, but also release it from damaging habits of thought, which have hampered its work in the past. Reception to follow.

Location: St. James Cathedral, 65 Church Street (at King) Parking is available behind the church, off Adelaide.

Symposium: Saturday, May 12, 9:30-12:30
Theology, Music and Time

Join us for a symposium and panel discussion based on Jeremy Begbie's new book, *Theology, Music and Time*. The book aims "to show how music can enrich and advance theology, extending our wisdom about God and God's ways with the world. Its primary question is not 'what can theology do for music?' but 'what can music do for theology?'" Jeremy Begbie argues that music's engagement with time gives the theologian invaluable resources for understanding how it is that God enables us to live 'peaceably' with time as a dimension of the created world."

Registration Fee: \$25 / \$15.00 students / unwaged (refreshments included), Contact: Jenny Smit at ICS: Phone 416-979-2331 ext. 225 or events@icscanada.edu

Please note that there is limited space for the Saturday morning symposium. Register early to avoid disappointment!

Location: Trinity College, Combination Room, 6 Hoskin Avenue (between Queen's Park Crescent and St. George) Once at Trinity, follow the signs posted to reach the Combination Room.

Dr. Jeremy Begbie is Associate Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge and Reader in Theology at the University of St. Andrews, where he is also Director of 'Theology Through the Arts,' a research project exploring the relevance of art and music for theology. He is a classically trained musician, and has performed extensively as a pianist, oboist and conductor. He is author of *Music in God's Purposes* (Handsel Press, 1989), *Voicing Creation's Praise: Towards a theology of the Arts* (T&T Clarke, 1991) and *Theology, Music and Time* (Cambridge University Press, 2000).

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Adrienne Dengerink Chaplin gave the Staley Lectures at Dordt College, Iowa from the 7-9th of February; Lecture titles: *Beyond Words: The Voice of Art in a Deafening World*; *Fascination or Sensation: Post-Modern Art and the Shock of the Old*; *Dada, Doodles and Design: The Wonderful World of Artistic Imagination*. Adrienne also addressed students during chapel on: *Waiting in Pain: the Art of Redemptive Longing*; as well as presenting a General Introduction to the Arts – Class GEN200.

From March 6-8, Adrienne participated in the 10th Annual contemporary Issues Conference at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, from March 6-8 called *The Transforming Word: The Bible in World Cultures*; Seminar title: "The Word and the Image: Biblical Aesthetics."

This term **George Vandervelde** gets a weekly dose of life in the fast lane, as he heads towards Ancaster every Tuesday afternoon to teach an evening class at Redeemer University College. The course is a second year, required course, entitled *Reformed Theology*. George reports that he enjoys



the challenge of teaching this type of course at the college level, even though he feels somewhat overwhelmed by the class size of some seventy students.

In February George spent a week at a retreat house in Mundelein, near Chicago, for the fourth session of the World Evangelical – Roman Catholic Consultation. George is the co-chair of this consultation, which met previously in 1993, 1997, and 1999. The consultation consists of seven members from each communion, who come from all over the world: Colombia, China, North America, France, and Rome (the Vatican). Discussions focused on the meaning of communion (or fellowship) between Evangelical and Roman Catholic churches that have existed either in splendid isolation or open hostility. How do we carry out our mission and when does evangelism turn into illegitimate proselytism ("sheep-stealing")?

The Mundelein session marked considerable progress. Whereas up to this point each team presented parallel papers on the same topic, the consultation

is now working on developing a joint statement. Further, whereas the meetings to this point were organized from meeting to meeting, the consultation will now meet annually.

One of the Evangelical participants at this meeting was **Lilia Solano**, a Professor at a Jesuit University in Bogota, Colombia. She is on Sabbatical in Toronto this year, while her husband studies at the ICS. In the communiqué that was issued at the end of the meeting, she commented on this meeting, her first, as follows, "I appreciated the way the members tried to understand and be sensitive to each other's points of view. There was a great spirit of friendship and appreciation of one another." The meeting was also unique because of a notable absence. Father Avery Dulles, a renowned Roman Catholic theologian, was in Rome where he was made a Cardinal.



Bob Sweetman will be giving an address at the inauguration of the H. Evan Runner Chair in the History of Philosophy in Grand Rapids, Michigan on April 21. Bob will also be participating in

Janet Wesseliuss' Doctoral Defense at the VU in Amsterdam on May 22nd.



Hendrik Hart is on sabbatical. His first project is getting caught up on some deadline work he got behind on, such as a few articles and an application for a special course award. He also had two students in the final stages of their PhD thesis writing, which is an intense period with much work that requires rather intense concentration. At the same time he's getting his last PhD student started on his project. After that, however, his main project will be getting his book on the bible ready for the editor.



Sylvia Keesmaat was interviewed for the CBC Radio One "Ideas", for two broadcasts on the topic of Truth, April 9 and 10.



participating in a discussion group on faith and economics held at Wycliffe College and organized by ICS Junior Member and IVF staffer, Eva Sham, which is also being attended by five other ICS/TST students. Jonathan, together with John Meiboom, met with a team of three representatives of the Geneva-based 'Kairos Global Association for an Investment Ethic', and heard a stimulating presentation on a new model of global political economy oriented to justice and stewardship. As well, Jonathan attended a meeting of the Social Action Commission of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada in Ottawa, March 30-April 1, at which a major agenda item was a working paper on the role of government. Lastly, as Chair of the Public Justice Resource Centre, participated in the 'Direction Setting Committee' of Citizens for Public Justice, March 23-24.

The view from outside the twentieth floor

Bob Sweetman began his term as Academic Dean of ICS on January 1, 2001

By Bob Sweetman

There is an old and bad joke about an optimist who, being blind to any negative consequences, dares to throw himself off a fifty-story building. As his body plunges past the twentieth story an acquaintance pops his head out and asks him how this latest caper is going. His response is inane but in character: "So far, so good." That is sort of how I feel. When people speak of learning curves I had always assumed they meant an ascent. I now propose that the opposite feels more the case.

ICS has a lot on its plate. It is eager to re-articulate its educational mission in a pungently pithy way, in a slogan that captures the spirit of the place and of those it addresses, that gets people going, you might say. That means too that ICS is busy as it must be with rethinking how its faculty teach, what they write, how ICS recruits, how its junior members learn and where

– the whole nine yards. The hope of such giddy effort is so to construct its programs that they fit seamlessly within ICS's re-articulated educational mission in a way that is both filled with daring-do and yet appropriate for a place ICS's size, history and expertise. Re-imagining on this scale can be thought of as a skyscraper of a task. The process of re-imagining can feel a lot like taking a plunge. And I am, like most people, susceptible to vertigo. The head spins; the ground approaches. But, hey, so far so good.

And here is where the metaphor ends. And so it must, for the story it trades on does not reckon with the unpredictable cushioning effect of Grace. ICS, as a whole, can be said to have been cushioned for three and a half decades to date. Let me list some of the gracious gifts I see already in my two months as Dean. I enjoy the support of deeply committed colleagues, staff who seem able to pick up the pieces left by all sorts of ham-handedness. Such gifts develop the hope of more, enough to work the wonder of a soft landing. And, hey, why not; Grace, as they say, is irresistible – so far, so good.

ICS graduate Tod Moquist: Journey to completion

In the fall of 1978 my wife, Niki, and I left Toronto and the Institute for Christian Studies – to start a new life together in California. Course work with Thomas McIntire in the philosophy of history was finished but the thesis quite incomplete.

We settled in Berkeley where in the fall of 1979 I began course work at the Graduate Theological Union and the University of California in American religious and social history, hoping to get a foothold into their PhD program. Our sojourn in Berkeley was wonderful as it was brief. We were there scarcely eighteen months when, expecting our first child, I took a position with California State University, Bakersfield as a researcher (and later adjunct lecturer) with a National Endowment for the Humanities study on the history of California farm labour and the Dust Bowl migration. This was home turf for me, as I grew up in the San Joaquin Valley in the shadow of Steinbeck and the great exodus of the 1930s.

During this time the thesis was pushed to the back burner indefinitely. My topic was Reinhold Niebuhr and his vision of history. Thomas McIntire had introduced me to Niebuhr's writings. I grew particularly interested in the transition of Niebuhr's thought between the 1920s and 1930s. The intersection of history, economics and ethics intrigued me then, as it continues to do so today. A seminar with Sander Griffioen on social and economic thought further kindled my enthusiasm for the subject, and I often dig back into the books we read back then.

When grant money ran out for the NEH project, my father invited me to join his small firm. Our family had been involved in California agri-business since 1947. I was rather weary of the books, and decided to try my hand at business. This was in the early days of the Reagan

revolution and my reading list changed dramatically – from religious socialism to neo-conservatism! If these were wilderness years for me, academically speaking, they were fruitful years personally. Niki and I have raised two wonderful boys. Philip is a sophomore at UC San Diego, studying biochemistry. Alex is in eighth grade, loves writing, drama and scouting. (Incidentally, Niki's love affair with Mediterranean cooking and culture is still very much on the front burner.)

After knocking around corporate agriculture for several years after my father's retirement, I settled into a mid-sized company with extensive operations south of the Fresno area. My responsibilities include export marketing – which has taken me to China, Mexico and (almost yearly) Canada. I'm fortunate insofar as the "corporate culture" is one of enormous respect for employees and their families. It has forever altered my appreciation of people who do the practical work of the world with good cheer and self-effacing dignity.

Some years ago, the call went out (a general amnesty? a jubilee?) to the original cohort of ICS junior members to finish their M.Phil.F. work. I hooked up again with Thomas, now at the University of Toronto, and presented a new outline. He has remained as enthusiastic as ever about the Niebuhr study and has been a steadfast and patient long-distance mentor. The writing of the thesis this late in the game was an enormously satisfying endeavour. Through my professional experiences my original passion for history, economics and ethics has been transmuted into an interest in development, trade and business ethics. I sense that there will

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Chatham community holds ICS education event

On Friday, January 19th the Vreugdenhils and van der Woerds hosted a dessert evening for 33 ICS supporter in Chatham Ontario. President **Harry Fernhout** and **George Vandervelde** as well as their spouses attended the evening. There was a coffee social followed by short presentations by both Harry and George.

Harry spoke about the mission of ICS to be a Christian graduate school, which equips Christian leaders around the world for teaching, research, business and other professions. He shared the importance of ICS work particularly as Christianity spreads throughout Asia, Africa, and South America. He informed the group about the various programs, which ICS offers from full time Master's and Ph.D., to part-time and distributed learning and highlighted the Faith and Learning Network. The fiscal reality that ICS is one the few graduate schools around that is paid for by donation was pointed out and Harry thanked the supporters for continued faithfulness. This session closed with a few questions and supportive comments.

George gave a presentation entitled: "The Church – One and Broken." He walked us through a very interesting and interactive discussion about the role of church community and denomination. He pointed out that Heidelberg Catechism #1 speaks of our only comfort being that we belong to Jesus Christ. It does not say United, CRC, and Anglican. He encourages us to distinguish culture from church and to consider community to go beyond denomination. George challenged us to think outside of the denominational box when considering whom our church community is. He shared experiences from his work with the World Evangelical Fellowship and the Catholic Communities. He reassured us that expanding our line of sight did not mean losing community at the local church. He did encourage us to add the new dimension of reaching out to fellow churches. We closed with a lively discussion in which many good practical suggestions for action were shared.

ICS hosts editors

March 5-6, ICS hosted a group of editors of denominational magazines in the US and Canada. Since the group was scheduled for a conference in Toronto, **John Suk**, editor of Christian Reformed Church's *The Banner*, arranged for them to meet at ICS. **Brian Stiller**, president of Tyndale College and Seminary, was the guest speaker. **Sylvia Keesmaat** led the devotions for the group.

Register early for Fall 2001 courses!!

September 10-December 7, 2001

Monday

<i>Elaine Botha</i>	Philosophical Foundations
<i>Elaine Botha</i>	Metaphor in Interdisciplinary Perspective
<i>Jim Olthuis</i>	Relational Psychotherapy and Faith

Tuesday

<i>Jim Olthuis</i>	Contemporary Philosophical Hermeneutics
<i>Sylvia Keesmaat</i>	Biblical Foundations

Wednesday

<i>Adrienne Dengerink Chaplin</i>	Foundations of Philosophical Aesthetics: Baumgarten and Kant
<i>George Vandervelde</i>	Revelation and Normativity: Ecumenical Foundations
<i>Bob Sweetman</i>	Nietzsche, Foucault and the Genealogical Approach to the History of Philosophy
<i>Jonathan Chaplin</i>	Christian Visions of the Political Community
<i>Adrienne Dengerink Chaplin</i>	Faith in Art

Thursday

<i>Sylvia Keesmaat</i>	Current Issues in Hermeneutics: Latin America and Africa
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Edmonton Chapter meeting

Dr. Henk Hart, Senior Member in Philosophy at the Institute for Christian Studies, gave a much appreciated talk on the topic "The Authority of Scripture and the Authority to Change" at the ICS Edmonton chapter annual meeting, on Thursday, March 15, 2001, at 7:30 pm. While in Edmonton, he also taught three classes in philosophy at The King's University College and met with various colleagues there. He also preached at Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, where he then participated in a lively forum after the service during which the sermon was discussed at length.

book review

Theology, Music and Time

by Jeremy Begbie

Theology, Music and Time aims to show how music can enrich and advance theology, extending our wisdom about God and God's ways with the world. Instead of asking: what can theology do for music?, it asks: what can music do for theology? Jeremy Begbie argues that music's engagement with time gives the theologian invaluable resources for understanding how it is that God enables us to live 'peaceably' with time as a dimension of the created world. Without assuming any specialist knowledge of music, he explores a wide range of musical phenomena - rhythm, metre, resolution, repetition, improvisation - and through them opens up some of the central themes of the Christian faith - creation, salvation, eschatology, time and eternity, eucharist, election and ecclesiology. He shows that music can not only refresh theology with new models, but also release it from damaging habits of thought, which have hampered its work in the past.

calendar of events


Spring Events 2001

April 21	H. Evan Runner Chair Inaugural at Calvin College Chapel
May 11	Art Talks! Guest Speaker: Jeremy Begbie
May 31	Senate Meeting
June 1	Board of Trustees Meeting

ICS ONTARIO SUMMER CONFERENCE

“Food for Thought: Feasting in God’s World”

August 10-13, 2001, Maple Grove Retreat
Centre, Thamesford, Ontario



Food! Is there anything more central to our lives? Food provides us nourishment, comfort, a focus for our labours, and an outlet for our creativity. Jesus made food and eating central to his ministry and to the communities he founded. At the 2001 Ontario Summer Conference, we will explore the various ways that food has captured our imagination, from gardening to advertising, from farming to fasting, from the family farm to genetic engineering, from the spirituality of food to eating disorders. Every hunger will be satisfied!

For more information please contact
Yvonne Barber at 416-979-2331 ext. 237

ICS ALBERTA SUMMER CONFERENCE

“Virtuous Faith in a Virtual World”

August 3-6, 2001, Deer Valley Meadows
Camp in Alix (AB)

Have you ever wondered how your faith in Christ is affected by the “virtual reality” of our culture? Come to the annual Institute for Christian Studies Alberta Summer Conference. Syd Hielema, a former youth pastor, and currently professor of theology at Dordt College, will lead us in discerning the “virtual reality” spirits of our times. Activities, workshops, and lectures for all ages. First time attendees can register for free.

For more information call Elizabeth Kroon @ 780-454-6030, or Harriette Guillaume @ 780-475-8031.

QUEST FOR MEANING – QUEST FOR GOD?

The Risk of Religion in a Postmodern World

June 25 – July 7, 2001

Lecturers: Martien Brinkman and Wessel Stoker
of the Free University, and George Vandervelde
of the Institute for Christian Studies.

This collaborative advanced-level seminar, co-sponsored by the Institute for Christian Studies (www.icscanada.edu) and the Free University (www.vu.nl/english/index.html), is for graduate students, faculty, and pastors.

Religion has traditionally been the supplier of meaning, providing answers to existential questions that human existence as such raises. Some contend that the quest for meaning is inescapably a religious quest, a quest that can find fulfillment only in religion. Others maintain that meaning can – or even must – be found in a life lived without God. Similarly, religion has claimed to provide the foundation for true freedom.

More specifically, the classic Christian tradition has claimed that only the truth, i.e., the truth of Christ, provides the foundation for true freedom. Yet, Christianity has often appeared as a threat to freedom, not only historically, but also theologically and confessionally by virtue of key tenets of Christian traditions. The idea of an absolute being, especially one who sovereignly controls the destiny of history and of humans, appears to jeopardize historical contingency and human freedom. In a far-reaching critique of such closing down of the human quest, a number of theologians and philosophers have recently espoused the notion of the “Openness of God.”

Finally, from the perspective of postmodernism, the claim of the Christian tradition to provide the grand story in which all people and all of history must fit appears to jeopardize freedom.

This seminar will explore the role of religion in addressing these important issues in human experience. The focus will be on texts by Wessel Stoker, “Is the Quest for Meaning the Quest for God?: The Religious Ascription of Meaning in Relation to the Secular Ascription of Meaning” and Clark Pinnock, ed. “The Openness of God”.

Classes will be held from 9:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Institute for Christian Studies, 229 College Street, 2nd floor, Toronto. Three additional sessions will be scheduled during the length of the course.

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be opportunities down the road to put these to good use.

As satisfying as the completion of my work at the Institute has been, even more pleasing has been the friendships that have been nurtured over the long haul with our Toronto “family.” These have helped sustain Niki and I for nearly twenty-five years, and we remember them every day with deep gratitude. Similarly, it is enormously gratifying to see how the Institute continues to grow in recognition and influence. I can only offer a simple thanks to those who have persevered and kept the faith.

JEREMY BEGBIE

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This event is sponsored by the Institute for Christian Studies’ Art Talks! The Ruth Memorial Series on the Arts and Culture, in partnership with Imago Arts Foundation. ICS provides Christian graduate education that addresses the spiritual foundation of learning. We equip Christians around the world to be leaders in education, research, business and other professions. At ICS we believe that everything was created in and through Jesus Christ, and that he is the key to wisdom and knowledge.

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