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## SION CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE AND ENCOUNTER

Dear Friends,

Here we are once again, at the beginning of a new term/semester. Hopefully you are having, or have had a restful summer/winter - too hot in some parts of our world and rather cool and wet in many others.

We have a programme for the autumn sessions almost completed and ready to launch. Once again, we have some marvellous scholars, who are ready to share with you. Some of them you know already, and have enjoyed, and we have some new faces for you to meet.

We have continued the theme of biblical and theological formation with some nuances and creative ways to look at texts. We will try to keep an eye on the Synod as well as our on-going understanding of the awakening Universe and Cosmic theology.

John Taylor (our friend and graphics creator) has prepared the first four sessions booked for October. This is an early awakening for you to book the dates and put them into your calendar/agenda/diary.

We hope to see you all again – eager for the new session of our on-going formation and learning. It would be great to hear if any of you followed through some of the recommended readings and articles!!

Amy-Jill has agreed to be with us again. She has won even more awards and recognition for her creative and scholarly work on the New Testament, as she teaches Christians to look again at the riches of the New Testament.

Sr. Teresa Brittain NDS:

Sr Maureen Cusick NDS:

Sr Anne Lee NDS

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**OCTOBER: FOUR PROGRAMMES**



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**'BEATITUDES'**

'COME WITH ME FOR THE JOURNEY IS LONG'



Watercolour painting,  
"Beatitudes," by  
Johanneese french  
artist Joseph Mats



Wednesday October 4th  
2-3.30pm (UK time)

PRESENTER:

Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton

Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton is Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for 2023-2024. Sally was born and raised in South Carolina in the USA. Her faith journey began in the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America (PCUSA). After studying English and Religion at Presbyterian College, she secured a scholarship to Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia. Mrs Foster-Fulton came to Trinity College in Glasgow to study on an exchange scholarship. She completed her Divinity training at Trinity College in Glasgow and served as associate minister at Dumbane cathedral for ten years. In 2016 she was appointed head of Christian aid Scotland.



As moderator, Sally took part in the event for Their Majesties, the King and Queen, on the occasion of the Presentation of the Royal Honours of Scotland.

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**ECCLESIASTES**

(KOHLELET)



Kohlelet, tradition-  
ally attributed to  
King Solomon,  
famous for the  
section beginning  
"To everything  
there is a  
season."



Wednesday October 11th  
2-3.30pm (UK time)

PRESENTER:

Rabbi Benjamin J. Segal

Our lecture by Benjamin Segal - rabbi, educator, lecturer and author now living in Israel. He has written on biblical, Talmudic, Zionist and educational issues. His books include:

A New Psalm: The Psalms as Literature and Ecclesiastes: Kohlelet's Search for Truth.

Rabbi Benjamin is the former President both of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies and of the Melitz Centers for Zionist Jewish Education.

He lives in Jerusalem with his children and grandchildren.



Much more about Rabbi Benjamin may be found on the Internet

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**PROVERBS # 31**

'THE WOMAN OF VALOUR'



'THE WOMAN OF VALOUR'  
a painting by Karle Gudson

Wednesday October 18th  
2-3.30pm (UK time)

PRESENTER:

Rabbi Benjamin J. Segal



Second lecture by - Benjamin Segal - rabbi, educator, lecturer and author now living in Israel. He has written on biblical, Talmudic, Zionist and educational issues. His books include:

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**TEILHARD, EINSTEIN,  
AND THE MEANING OF FAITH**



Wednesday October 25th  
2-3.30pm (UK time)

PRESENTER:

Dr John F. Haight



John F. Haight is an American theologian and a Distinguished Research Professor at Georgetown University. He specializes in Roman Catholic systematic theology, with a particular interest in issues pertaining to physical cosmology, evolutionary biology, geology, and Christianity.

Although Albert Einstein denied the existence of a personal God, he considered himself deeply religious, and he thought that good science cannot take place without faith.

To understand what he meant by religion and faith, this presentation will place the celebrated physicist in "conversation" with his contemporary, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ. The two scientists had been living in the United States within miles of each other when they both died in 1955 only days apart. If they had ever met, and if they had been able to talk about science and faith, how would the conversation have gone? What would they have said to each other about prayer, God, and the relationship of theology to science? This talk, with the presenter as "moderator" of the conversation, will attempt to outline points of agreement and disagreement between the two great scientists and religious thinkers.

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