

Christians are neither optimists nor pessimists but realists. They live in HOPE even in the most dire circumstances. The form which HOPE takes: PRAYER.

The opposite of madness is not health; it is WISDOM.

The mystical life is really nothing other than the CHRISTIAN LIFE lived in total response to JESUS and his HOLY SPIRIT.

“Without PRAYER we haven’t a prayer”. (Gil Bailie)

In the modern secular world there are people who try to make sense of the SCRIPTURES, instead of hoping, with the aid of the SCRIPTURES, to make sense of themselves.

St. ANSELM: “One who does not believe will not experience, and whoever does not experience will not understand ,

“CREDO UT INTELLIGAM”

The ageing secular world is based on a philosophical premise about human consciousness: “Cogito ergo sum”. The new world emerging from Christian faith is based on the power of God’s Word as we respond to it.

RESPONDEO ETSI MUTABOR.

Fees:

There are no fees. We depend on the generosity of our students and well wishers.

Donations to the Academy of the Word (a work of the St Francis Community Benevolent Fund) are tax deductible.

Education levels:

Classes are conducted at a good undergraduate level with occasional excursions into post-graduate thought. All care is given to teaching and dialogue to provide quality adult education that encourages the participation of the student. Each class begins with a short period of prayer and/or silent meditation.

Location and Access:

The Academy of the Word is located at the Polding Centre, Level UB, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney

The easiest access is by public transport. The Polding Centre is close to Museum Station and a short walk from Town Hall. Busses run down and up Elizabeth and George Sts and up Castlereagh St. Parking is hazardous particularly in business hours.

The **Acting Regent** of the Academy of the Word is:

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Academy of the Word



“ ...you will receive **POWER** when the **HOLY SPIRIT** comes on **YOU**, and then **YOU** will be **MY WITNESSES**.....(Acts 1:8)

Inspirational Verse for World Youth Day

The Academy of the Word

Are you fed up with the parlour games that pass for scholarship in this sterile secular world?

Do you hunger for real perennial wisdom rather than the pap served up by the Kingdom of Nothingness and Meaninglessness?

Are you aware that the Western world is showing everywhere the symptoms of death?

Out of this chaos, the creative word is emerging. New visions of reality, new ways of knowing in almost every field are appearing: in science, arts and humanities, medicine and health, education, economics, agriculture, environment and so on. Above all there is the emergence of new insights into spirituality, religious studies and creativity.

It could be that you feel a sense of gratitude for the intelligence and love of learning you have been given, and that you know whom to thank for these things. You may have the ability to monitor the emerging Word.

If this is the case, you may be interested in enrolling for a course at the Academy of the Word. You may be interested in personal growth and satisfaction through meditation and contemplation, study, learning and dialogue with like-minded friends.

The Academy of the Word moves beyond the current understanding of an educational institution which doles out meal tickets. We are concerned centrally with the healing power of Truth.

The only requirement for our Biblical Theology classes is the ability to read and/or listen with an open heart

EPIPHANY SEMESTER 2008

Commencing Monday 3rd March

Monday 11.30 am

Life in the Body of Christ
(A course in Christian Living)

Wednesday 1.05pm

Lunch Hour Talks.

Topical Christian Issues

Wednesday 6.00pm

Prayer Workshop

(A practical, biblical, orthodox, hands on workshop)

SEMINAR PROGRAM 6.00pm

Healing and Wellbeing" (2nd Tuesday of each month) Invited professional speakers concerned to establish new worldviews on which to base properly human approaches in science and medicine.

"State of the World" (4th Tuesday of each month) Present and future scenarios for healing our sick world. Seminal thinkers discuss global philosophies, politics, economics etc.

"Christian Scholarship" (First Sunday of each month) at 2.30 pm. For really serious Christian Scholars.

Please post your Enrolment Form to:

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Polding Centre, Level UB
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Enrolment Form

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

Name:
FIRST NAME LAST NAME

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I wish to enrol in the following :

(Please tick [4] your choice):

Monday 11.30am

Wednesday 1.05 pm

Wednesday 6.00pm

• **SEMINAR PROGRAM**

Second Tuesday 6.00pm

"Healing and Well-being"

Fourth Tuesday 6.00pm

"State of the World"

First Sunday 2.30 pm

Christian Scholarship