

EXPLORING THE ORIGINS OF WESTERN CULTURE

PATHWAYS 2018-2019

This year the members of Pathways will explore the origins of Western culture. Karen Armstrong will lead us from the Primeval period through the Classical and finish with the Axial Age. With John Cooper, we will study the six schools of Philosophy of Life, beginning with Socrates and continuing through the Greco-Roman world. Philip Jenkins elucidates the “Crucible of Faith;” a period after Alexander the Great and concluding with Caesar Augustus. Apocalyptic thought emerged at this time, and this thought continues to haunt our world.

We will also continue the dialogue between Christianity and Buddhism with The Logic of Faith.

DATES - 2018

- September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1

DATES - 2019

- January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6
- Retreat I - August 2-4, 2019
- Retreat II - August 4-6, 2019
(see separate flyer for registration and payment)

DEACON “RED” CHEEVER

(9:30 AM TO 3:30 PM)

SEPTEMBER 2018—JULY 2019

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TEXTS TO BE USED

Karen Armstrong, The Great Transformation, The Beginning of our Religious Traditions. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2006 ISBN 978-0-676-97465-2

John M. Cooper, Pursuits of Wisdom, Six Ways of Life in Ancient Philosophy from Socrates to Plotinus. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012 ISBN 978-0691-13860-2

Philip Jenkins, Crucible of Faith, The Ancient Revolution That Made Our Modern Religious World. New York: Basic Books, 2017 ISBN 978-0-465-09640-4

Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel, The Logic of Faith, A Buddhist Approach To Finding Certainty Beyond Belief and Doubt. Boston: Shambhala, 2018 ISBN 978-1-61180-230-6

REGISTRATION Pathways 2018-2019

\$325 for series or \$35 per session (include payment with registration—non-refundable) (bring own lunch)

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