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Personal Idealism And the Christian Faith

With Keith Ward

FRIDAY 30TH JUNE - SUNDAY 2ND JULY

Greek philosophy shaped traditional Christian doctrines. But we now understand the world in a very different way and there is a need to look past Plato, Aristotle and Aquinas to new philosophical resources. Keith Ward forwards that these resources are to be found in philosophical Idealism. This weekend will be devoted to showing how this leads to reformulations of Christian doctrines, but not to a rejection of Christian faith.

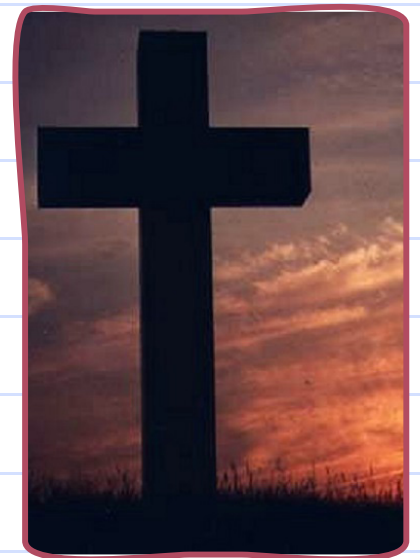
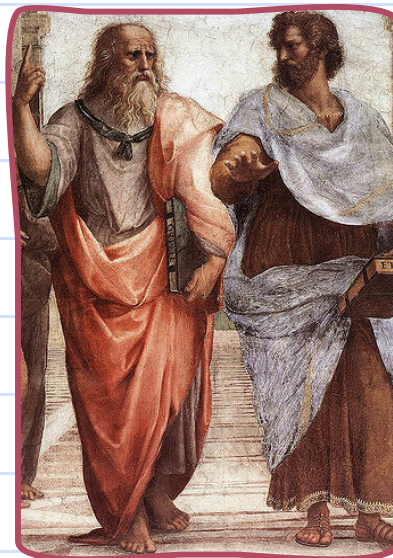
Keith Ward is a leading British philosopher, theologian, priest and scholar. He is a fellow of the British Academy and a priest of the Church of England. Keith was a canon of Christ Church, Oxford until 2003 and Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Oxford from 1991 to 2004. He is the author of many books including *Ethics and Christianity*, *The Concept of God* and *Is Christianity a Historical Religion*.

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Programme

Friday, 30th June

- 6pm Welcome and introductions
6.45pm Dinner
8pm *What is Philosophical Idealism?*
- Hegel, Bishop Berkeley, and A. N. Whitehead

Saturday, 1st July

- 8am Eucharist
8.30am Breakfast
10am *The Dependence of Classical Christian Doctrines on Greek Philosophy*
- Plato, Aristotle, and Aquinas and their influence
11am Coffee
11.30am *Question and Answer: Clarifications*
12.30pm Lunch
Free afternoon
5pm *New Ideas of God, Derived from Idealism*
- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and emergent panentheism; the difference this makes
6.45pm Dinner
8pm Film: *Eye in The Sky* (Gavin Hood, 2015, 102mins)

Saturday, 2nd July

- 8.30am Breakfast
10am Eucharist
10.45am *Faith and Philosophy: Conflict or Convergence?*
- How the new physics helps Christian faith
12.45pm Lunch and depart