Dive into the exploration of big questions for our globally connected world. Join us in an environment where you will be free to reflect on the deeper stuff, questions of meaning, values, knowledge and religious faith. We will bring various philosophical, scientific and religious traditions to the conversation about these central human quandaries. Each session will be chaired by an experienced moderator and half of the time will be devoted to questions from the floor. Explore. Consider. Debate.

**Creation Stories – The Dreamtime, Genesis and the Big Bang**
**Date:** Thursday 27th January, 2011, 7.00-8.30pm. Ernst & Young Lecture Theatre, UWA Business School, CE11-3019

We delve into the origins of the universe and seek to answer that most elemental of human questions, how did it all begin? We encounter different languages and stories explaining the origins of the universe and existence: Aboriginal ways of knowing and the dreamtime, contemporary astronomy and traditional Judaism.

**Conversation Partner:** Richard Pengelly  
**Speakers:** Dr Noel Nannup Indigenous Elder, Jacinta Delhaize, Astronomer, Marcus Solomon, Rabbi

**Does Richard Dawkins Exist? Evidence & Rhetoric: How do we Tell the Difference?**
**Date:** Thursday 3 February, 2011, 7.00-8.30pm, Ernst & Young Lecture Theatre, UWA Business School, CE11-3018

A session on evidences for God and ultimate sources of reason and knowledge. How do we know? We consider all the ways we have of ‘knowing’ active in the contemporary world and those lost to modernity. What is reason? Can faith be reasonable or are atheist’s the true prophets of the Age? This promises to be a night that will have your neurons firing.

**Conversation Partner:** Neville Bruce, Biologist  
**Speakers:** Ian Robinson Uniting Chaplain, Desert Spiritualist, Mark Edwards, Ethicist
What is Love?

Date: Thursday 10 February, 2011, 7.00-8.30pm, Ernst & Young Lecture Theatre, UWA Business School, CE11-3015

It makes the world go round, it makes life worth living, it sells everything, but what is it? We ask a psychologist, a theologian, and a historian of the ancient world to tell us what it is? An unfolding magical mystery tour of the most potent force in the world.

Conversation Partner: Robin Tapper, Lawyer & Anglican Priest
Speakers: Michael Champion, Historian, Fr Armando Carandang, Catholic Priest, Jim Chisolm, Anthropologist

The Sacred in Australian Literature

Date: Thursday 24th February, 2011, 7.00-8.30pm, Ernst & Young Lecture Theatre, UWA Business School, CE11-3016

Does a literature born in a secular age have room for the sacred? How have sacred themes and visions unfolded in Australian literature. We take a walk through two centuries of poetry, novels and writing in search of the sacred with experienced guide Veronica Brady.

Conversation Partner: Elena Douglas, UWA Religion & Globalisation Initiative
Speakers: Veronica Brady, Professor Emeritus of Literature

The Spirituality of Dying in a Post-religious Age – Meaning, Transcendence and Wholeness.

Date: Thursday 3rd March, 2011, 7.00-8.30pm, Woolnough Lecture Theatre, School of Geology & Earth Sciences, CE11-3017

How do we care for the dying in a post-religious age. We explore the human need for wholeness, meaning and transcendence as we approach our end. How can each of us explore these issues and aid those facing the end of life?

Conversation Partner: Michael Wood, Anglican Chaplain
Speakers: Dr Doug Bridge Director Palliative Care Royal Perth Hospital

SPECIAL EVENT: Spirituality, Business & Globalisation

Sam Walsh, CEO Rio Tinto

Date: Wednesday 30th March, 2011, 7.00-8.30pm.

Some management theorists have argued “spirituality is the new black” in the work-place and in modern business. Is there a role for spirituality in the workplace and how are organisations grappling with this very private need? A Western Australian business leader considers the role of spirituality in this modern, connected globalised world.

Conversation Partner: Elena Douglas, UWA Religion & Globalisation Initiative
Speaker: Sam Walsh, CEO Rio Tinto

All sessions: $29.00

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