



Illusion, Delusion, Confusion? God in Western Culture

FOR A LONG TIME religious belief has been quarantined to the domain of the private in a way that would have been inconceivable to earlier generations. The separation of church and state has become the separation of religion and society. This separation is connected to the fact that more people are boldly declaring themselves to be atheists.

In this series of five presentations **Bruce Barber** canvases the philosophical and theological legacy that has led people to think the way they do.

The sessions:

1. How did the idea of God first appear in Western Culture?
2. Up and down with the philosophers—a selective survey.
3. The legacy of the Medieval world.

4. The 18th century Enlightenment and the 'death' of God.

5. Where are we today?

Bruce Barber has taught theology at tertiary level for forty years first in Perth and subsequently at the United Faculty of Theology, Melbourne.



The sessions will be held at the South Port Uniting Church Parish Mission Centre, 329 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne from 11am to 1pm on Fridays 12th August, 19th August, 26th August, 2nd September and 9th September.

A light lunch will be provided. If you wish to attend please contact Rev Ross Carter on 9690 1188 or 0407 351 545 or ross.carter@southportuniting.org.au by Friday 5th August.

