

LOOKOUT/CCG Ministries TRAINING INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES:

LOOKOUT/CCG Ministries was commenced in 1979 by Adrian van Leen, a Minister with Churches of Christ since 1969, to help individuals, families, churches and the community at large, deal with issues relating to cults, extreme religious fringe groups, and Biblical distortions. The LOOKOUT/CCG Ministries Centre, with its extensive reference library, is located at **50 Carcoola Street, cnr Carcoola Crt, Nollamara.**

**** (A) ** YOU CAN BOOK A SPEAKER**

Adrian is a regular speaker at schools, churches, men's, women's youth and special interest groups, in Western Australia and around Asia. He still has dates/diary vacancies available for speaking engagements during 2011 and can be booked through the LOOKOUT/CCG Ministries Centre on 9344 2200 or by email: info@lookout.org.au



WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

We will be commencing our Wednesday Workshops on Wednesday evening 16th February at 7.30 pm. These workshops will deal with a number of topics, each running for about **6 to 8 weeks**, from **7.30 to 9.30 pm** with supper provided. **Costs** for the Wednesday Workshops will be a (reasonable) **donation** each Wednesday evening – rather than a set fee for that particular series. They will be held in our Centre's Banfield Seminar Room.

As attendance space is limited, we require registration notification (intention to attend) at the beginning or before each of the Wednesday Workshop series. There will be a week's break between each Wednesday Workshop series (topic).

**** (B) **OUR FIRST 2011 WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP**

The Story Behind THE BOOK (Commencing Wednesday 16th February 7.30 pm)

How did we get the Bible we have today? What is the story, or history, behind the Bible? What is the connection between archaeology and the Bible? What is meant by the Canon of Scripture? Are popular writers, such as Dan Brown, correct and accurate in the claims they make about the Bible, its development and background? We will be examining these, and other related questions, and seeking some balanced answers, in this workshop series.

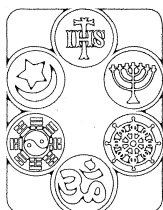
Amongst other planned *Wednesday Workshop series* topics will be:

2) Knock! Knock! Who's There?

Who are some of the religious doorknocking 'sales people' who try to connect with suburban householders? Are they really Christians? What do they believe? How are their official teachings different from historical and orthodox Christianity? What are some appropriate ways of responding to them?

3) Reading the Bible with Understanding

Christians in Australia have ready access to a wide variety of Bible versions, but how well read are these Bibles? More importantly, how well understood is the Bible – even amongst Christians. Many read a few verses here and there, now and then – or perhaps regularly on a daily basis, but does this provide a good understanding of the Bible? Can we read the Bible with greater understanding and clarity? We hope to provide some helpful guidelines to make the Bible's message more meaningful through this series.



4) You and Your Neighbour's Faith

What religion are you? Once that question, for the average Aussie, really meant: 'To which Christian denomination do you belong?' Now your neighbours may well belong to another major religion, from Buddhism or Hinduism to Islam or even the Yezidis. Can you understand your neighbour's faith and develop neighbourly relations? Some basic insights into the faith of others will be provided in a Christian context through this series.

5) THE BOOK and Those Other Books

THE BOOK, the Bible, is a collection of historic books of faith that has stood the test of time, but there are other books that some people think should have been included. From popular authors to New Age spiritual believers, many people have expressed their opinions about 'extra-canonical books' that are ancient, but still interest people today. There are also books mentioned in the Bible that are not part of the Biblical collection of sacred writings. Some basic information and insights on some of these books, their nature and background, will be the main feature of this series.

6) Christ, Culture and You

What is culture? How important is it? Does the Christian faith have anything to do with culture? Should Christians be 'multicultural'? Is the Bible a multicultural Book of Faith? Is Christianity a multicultural FAITH? Do these things matter or make a difference? These questions, and their potential answers will be explored during this series of Wednesday Workshops.

SATURDAY SEMINARS

We are also commencing our Saturday Seminars, mid-March. These seminars will deal with a number of topics, on various Saturday mornings and afternoons, during the year. **Costs** for the Saturday Seminars, and some other details, are yet to be finalised. They will be held in our Centre's Banfield Seminar Room. As attendance space is limited, we require advanced registration notification.

**** (C) **OUR FIRST 2011 SATURDAY SEMINAR**

Troubles with the Internet – the Internet provides new horizons for communication, learning and entertainment. There are tremendous values for families, students, pastors, researchers to be gained through the Internet – there is also tremendous potential for harm – from information overload to addiction; from destructive gossip and cyber bullying to pornography and sexting. This seminar is not about technical issues but a Christian perspective to Internet usage and an opportunity for participants to share experiences and gain some insights. **Sat 19th March 9.30-4.30 – cost = \$30 for the day - morning and afternoon tea/coffee supplied – bring own lunch** - as attendance space is limited, we require prior registration notification (intention to attend) to our office – 9344 2200 – email: info@lookout.org.au

Amongst other planned *Saturday Seminars series* topics will be:

- 2) **When the Church Gets It Wrong** – looking at a number of issues affecting many churches
- 3) **Another Gospel?** – examining some popular, but speculative theologies and their impact amongst Christians
- 4) **Walking On the Dark Side** – considering some of the realities and distortions of the occult

**** (D) **OUR FIRST 2011 SATURDAY SUPER SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE**

Our first 2/hand Book Sale for 2011 will be held on the March Labour Day Weekend: **Saturday 5th and Monday 7th March** at our Centre in Nollamara – from 9 am to 3.30 pm both days – select book bargains from a wide variety of Christian, fiction, non-fiction, children's books and more – *many thousands of book bargains available.*

Rev. Adrian van Leen was ordained in November 1968 and has had 17 years in pastoral Ministry, which overlapped (by a few years) the commencement of Concerned Christians Growth Ministries Inc -LOOKOUT. While pastoring he also became a qualified school teacher, and has earned the following: Dip RE; Dip Teach; Grad Dip Ed Tech; Dip Th; Dip Min; Post-Grad Dip Arts (Religious Studies).