



ID204: Knowing Your Buddhist Neighbour II

Rev Ng Seng Chuan | 1.5 CR

Course Purpose

“Gospel & Dharma” is based on a critique of fundamentalist Christianity by the Sri Lankan, A.L. De Silva. This course will have lectures presented in 3 segments:

1. There will be an initial summary of, and response to, the main ideas in each chapter of De Silva’s work, for the purpose of clarification.

2. This will be followed by a review of the key Christian doctrine in question, with discussion on the problems from a Buddhist perspective.

3. Each session will close with a critique of the Buddhist doctrine or perspective that is held up as a challenge to the Christian belief-system.

Dates (2021) Apr 5, 19 May 3, 17, 31 Jun 14 (7:15pm – 10:00pm)	Location TBC
Credits 1.5 CR	Fees* S\$225(Credit) S\$120 (Audit)
Class Format TBC	
Pre-Requisites: ID203	

About the Lecturer

Rev Ng Seng Chuan did his basic theological training at Trinity Theological College (BD, 1977), Singapore, as well as advanced studies at Regent College (MCS, 1983), Vancouver. He served several pastorates for some 15 years between 1977 and 1993. In 1993, he began a second career in speech education, while carrying on with a ministry of itinerant preaching, as well as conducting speech classes at BGST on a part-time basis.



In 2006, he felt prompted to begin a serious study of the Buddhist religion. He took classes at a Buddhist temple, the Mangala Vihara, and subsequently gained the diploma (2007), BA (2010), and MA (2011) degrees from the Buddhist & Pali University of Sri Lanka. Since then, he has been engaged in studying Pali (the language of the Buddhist scriptures) at the Ruwan Buddhist Society.

Academic Information

Learning Outcomes (from the student's perspective):

By the end of the course, students would:

1. Have progressed from understanding another religion to critically assessing the usefulness of that position;
2. Have developed confidence in the Christian faith's tenability, despite natural "gaps" in understanding within any belief system;
3. Be able to articulate the viability of one's belief system in the context of amicable dialogue in the comparative study of religion.

Assignments

An essay/book review of 2,500 words on Buddhist philosophy from the perspective of Christian engagement.

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