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The Dialogue Journal is produced twice a year and is intended to be of particular use to secondary school Religious Education teachers and their senior students. The journal covers a variety of topics: The Philosophy of Religion, Ethics, Biblical Studies, Theology, Church History and World Religions. Writers from various Christian traditions and other faiths are invited to contribute.

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SPECIAL STUDENT SEMINAR

# Ethics

*Dr Peter Vardy presents a special half-day student seminar*

Thursday 14 August 2003

Westminster School

Alison Avenue, Marion

9:30am until 12:30pm



## SEMINAR CONTENT

This seminar will complement a range of Year 12 subjects in the sciences and humanities areas and has particular relevance to the International Baccalaureate. Specifically the seminar will touch on:

### Theoretical Ethics

The Natural Law tradition from Aristotle, St Thomas Aquinas and the Catholic tradition today; Proportionalism; Virtue Ethics and what it means to be fully human; Situation Ethics and the application of these different ethical theories to applied ethics.

### Globalisation and Business Ethics

The advantages and disadvantages of globalisation; the role of the IMF and world bank; Peter Henriot SJ, Peter Singer and 'circles of ethical concern'.

### Just War

From the criteria developed by St Augustine, the modifications by St Thomas Aquinas to the modern era. When and how wars should be fought with specific reference to the first and second Gulf wars, the Kosovo conflict and the role of the United Nations. Targeting policy will be discussed as well as the effect of sanctions and rebuilding after war.

### Euthanasia

Direct and indirect methods; the principle of double effect; the difference between 'ordinary' and 'extraordinary' means and the application of different ethical theories to the debate.

### Abortion and IVF

When a foetus is a person; the application of different ethical theories (including Kant, Utilitarianism and the Catholic and Anglican positions) to the abortion and IVF debates; IVF in women; intracytoplasmic sperm injection and its consequences.

**Cost:** Free. We are eager to encourage as many to attend as possible. Future seminars may attract a small cost per student.

**Lunches:** Please encourage students to bring their lunch or to order on arrival from our canteen (at their own cost).

## DR PETER VARDY



Vice-Principal of Heythrop College,  
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*Peter is the author of the best selling 'Puzzle' series of books on God, Evil, Ethics, Sex and the Gospels. He is the joint author, with Julie Arliss of 'The Thinkers Guide to Evil' and 'The Thinkers Guide to God' to be published shortly in Australia. He has been a consultant in Religious and Values education for Geelong and Melbourne Grammar schools and was one of the founding editors of Dialogue Australia.*

## RESPONSE FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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How many students are you bringing? \_\_\_\_\_

How many staff are you bringing? \_\_\_\_\_

**Transport:** You can either come by bus or train (Marion train station is next door to Westminster School).

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP by Friday 25 July 2003 to Matthew Wills**

(see below)

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