



# Is there life after COVID-19?

## The Search for Meaning and Moral Values

*Zoom course hosted by Drumalis  
and led by Dr Johnston McMaster -  
over eight Tuesday evening sessions, 7 pm - 9 pm  
from September - November 2020*

The Covid-19 pandemic will change everything. International co-operation will be required to shape a new world order. Not only is economic recovery urgent but a new economic model is needed. Crucial to the present and future are health and wellbeing, and this means personal, social, ecological, spiritual and moral wellbeing. A holistic approach is needed which will integrate the human, relational and ecological.

Humans search for meaning, try to make sense of life, especially in experiences of suffering, disorientation and dislocation. The collapse of meaning, identity and living through an existential crisis also require moral recovery. What ethics and values are needed as a foundation for reorientation and living together with others and nature?

This course in public theology will explore two themes; The Search For Meaning and The Search For Moral Values. It will draw on the wisdom traditions of humankind, philosophical and religious. Aware of the cultural capital in Irish Society, particular attention will be given to the Jewish-Christian wisdom traditions, while giving attention to other religious and human traditions. The course will end with an exploration of Resurrection Now : Living Hope In The Present And Future. There will be thematic input and open reflection

### Dates and Topics: (7 pm - 9 pm each evening)

#### The Search for Meaning

22 September	Is There Meaning In Suffering?
29 September	Job's Sufferings : Arguing With God Without Answers
6 October	Singing Songs Of Lament: Through The Disorientation And Dislocation Of Life
13 October	The Passion Narrative In Real History: Compassionate Solidarity And Presence

#### The Search for Moral Values

27 October	The Moral Values Of Religions In Public Life
3 November	An Inclusive Moral Community: Sermon On The Mount And Justice For All
10 November	A Covenanted Society: Just Politics, Economics, Relationships And Ecology
17 November	Resurrection Now: Living Hope In The Present And Future

### Course Cost: £50 for series of 8 Zoom sessions

Full payment is required with each booking. Cheques should be made payable to **Drumalis**. We welcome credit and debit card payments during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm) - tel 028 28272196/28276455. Payment can also be made by bank transfer - bank details are:

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