

Intensive Summer Study 2014

(July 7 Monday to Friday July 26 - Official)

(July 28-31 extra sessions in GeoPoliticalEconomy for UPSC candidates)

Week 1	Samuel Vaiphei	JESUS & His Mission (5 Sessions; Mon to Fri)	Who is Jesus? What was his aim? What do you understand by the Messiah? If the Lordship of Christ and the inauguration of his Kingdom is the central message of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John & Paul then why has the gospel been reduced to a proclamation of personal salvation?
	Canato Chopi	Reading & Interpreting Scripture (5 Sessions; Mon to Fri)	A brief history of the Bible and the many versions. Which version should I use? How not to read the Bible. How to read the Bible in the 21 st century. Is our ancient Scripture still authoritative today: if yes in what sense?
Week 2	Samuel Vaiphei	Christian Understanding of Power, Accountability & Authority (5 Sessions; Mon to Fri)	What is Power? Understanding various theories of Power & ideas of legitimacy; various structural manifestations of power. Can there be power without accountability? When is it ok for Christians to defy those in Authority (if ever)?
	Canato Chopi	Social Movements : Theory, Praxis & Theological Assessment (5 Sessions; Mon to Fri)	
Week 3	Chuba Jamir	Biblical Concerns on the Environmental Costs of India's Predatory Growth (5 Sessions; Mon to Fri)	Will India be able to sustain its current Economic growth trajectory without seriously undermining its Environment? Who pays for the cost of India's high growth rate? What words would prophet Elijah and apostle James have for India's Cabinet?
	Canato Chopi	Jesus & Money (3 Sessions; Mon to Wed)	Next to the Kingdom of God, Mammon was the topic which occupied the teachings of Jesus the most. WHY? What should be the Christian's attitude towards material prosperity and glam?
	Samuel Vaiphei	The Doctrine of Trinity: Historical Sketch and Contemporary Relevance (2 Sessions; Thu & Fri)	The word trinity is not there in the Bible. Does that mean God is not triune? How is this understanding of God as triune the source of all things?

Some Select Readings

1. Simply Jesus by NT Wright
2. Scripture and the Authority of God by NT Wright
3. The Living Word of God by Ben Witherington
4. Whose Bible by Jaroslav Pelikan
5. Truth & Fiction in the Bible
6. Churning the Earth by Aseem Shrivastava and Ashish Kothari
7. Jesus & Money by Ben Witherington
8. Hope for Troubled Times by Bob Goudzwaard
9. We Answer to Another by David Koyzis
10. Christianity, Climate Change & Sustainable Living by Nick Spencer
11. Money: The Unauthorized Biography by Felix Martin
12. The Promise of Trinitarian Theology by Colin Gunton
13. Why Nations Fail by Daren Acemoglu
14. The Bad Samaritans by Ha Joon Chang
15. Revolution from Above by Dipankar Gupta

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Event organizer: The North Delhi Evangelical Graduates Fellowship (EGF)

Event topic:

Location: New Delhi

Country: India

Participants: Recent graduates of Indian universities

Language: English