

B9629:

WISDOM and POETRY in ISRAEL

SESSION TIMES

Sessions will be held:

9.30am - 4.00pm

On the following days:

8th - 12th January 2018

PRE-REQUISITES

9 Biblical Studies credit points for graduates

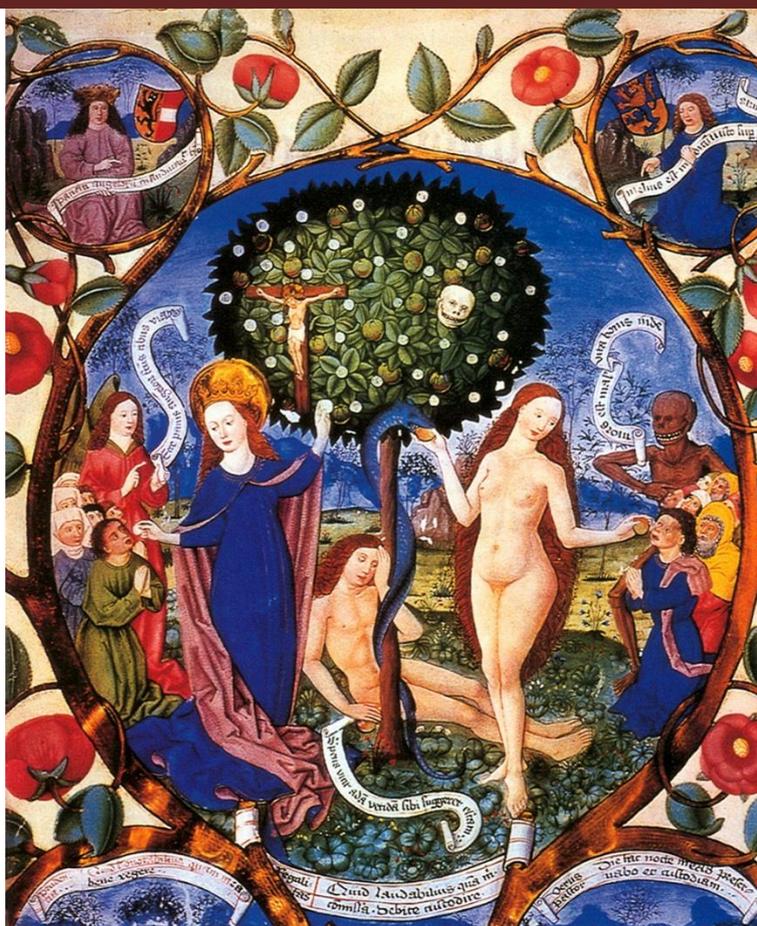
(BTh entry possible subject to award requirements)

COSTS

For Academic Credit - **\$1980**

Audit Students - **\$550**

CISSA Fee - **\$10**



* Painting: Tree of Life and Death with the Virgin and Eve, by Berthold Furtmeyr, 1489

REGISTRATION

Final date for registration:

7th December, 2017

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In the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) wisdom and poetry go together, so much so that they appear to be inextricably joined. In the Bible, then, to express wisdom it is necessary to use the language of poetry, while to be a poet calls for a person to be wise. This relationship of wisdom and poetry is one found in most, if not all, cultures across time and for this reason it could be said that it expresses a truth not only about humanity but about divinity as well. And yet it is a truth that is increasingly obscured and lost sight of in contemporary global culture. We need to ask, why in the Bible do wisdom and poetry go together? As we will see, the answer has to do with the very nature of creation itself and how this nature is expressed in the way things run: from the way the earth and its animals coexist, through the working of society and government, to matters of love and sex, and even the way the individual confronts the reality of evil and despair as he or she makes their way through a fallen world. And, perhaps most surprising of all, wisdom and poetry express the nature of the relationship between God and His people, a relationship that speaks of the desire for meaning and fulfilment.

We will begin with an overview of Proverbs, Psalms, Sirach and Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth), but we will then focus on the Song of Songs (Canticles), Lamentations, and Job. The aim being to show how biblical scholarship, theology and aesthetics belong together. What's more, that they can work together to redeem a world that has forgotten that wisdom and poetry speak to the very heart of things.

Dr. Robert Tilley