

Nourishing Womanspirit
Revisiting Feminist Roots: Growing New Shoots
New IFR Course, Starting April 19th Dublin.

In these times, many are awakening to the deeply problematic nature of traditional theologies, church structures, and religious practices. Crises have occurred at several levels and many wonder where they might find hope, courage and inspiration.

Over the past hundred years, feminist theorists, theologians and philosophers have engaged both in radical critiques and also in creative reclaiming of spirituality and religion from women centred perspectives. This brief six week course will introduce their work.

Each evening will comprise a mixture of presentation, discussion, meditation and/or bodysoul awakening. Readings may be made available in advance, preferably through email, or (for a small additional cost) through photocopying.

Aim: To make feminist theological and spiritual material accessible to those with or without a background in the topic.

Course outline: Selected Readings from the following

1. **Feminist foremothers**
Eva Gore Booth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Charlotte Perkins Gilman
2. **The Church and the Second Sex**
Mary Daly, Rosemary Radford Ruether
3. **Speaking of God and Goddesses**
Starhawk, Naomi Goldenberg, Carol Christ
4. **Christianity, Patriarchy and Abuse**
Rebecca Parker, Rita Nakashima Brock, Joanne Carlson Brown
5. **Theology and the Body**
Lisa Isherwood, Marion Woodman
6. **Celtic Theologies and Spiritualities**
Mary Condren

Dates: Monday evenings, 7:30 –9:30, **April**, 19th, 26th, **May** 10th, 17th, 24th 31st

Venue: Catherine McAuley Centre, 23 Lr. Herbert St. Dublin

Registration: €120:00. A limited number of concessions (€80) available to SW recipients and full time students.

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Course Co-ordinator

The course will be facilitated by Mary Condren Th.D., director of the Institute for Feminism and Religion, author of *The Serpent and the Goddess: Women, Religion and Power in Celtic Ireland* and many articles on gender, religion, and culture. She is currently completing a book on Brigit of Ireland: Female Spirit of Old Europe.

She has also completed the Leadership Training Programme in the BodySoul Rhythms Programme of the Marion Woodman Foundation, and teaches at the Centre for Gender and Women's Studies, Trinity College Dublin.

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Course Registration Form

Name

Address

E-mail

Phone

I enclose 40 euro Deposit []

I enclose 120 euro Full-payment []

I enclose 80 concession rate

Please make cheques payable to *Institute for Feminism and Religion*.

Signature

(Please tick appropriate box and sign)

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