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The *Exploring Open Christianity* DVD Series

A series of DVD interviews and related discussion guides each featuring Val Webb, Sir Lloyd Geering, Peter Kennedy, John Dominic Crossan and Greg Jenks (and there are more being planned....!)



Val Webb has taught religious studies at the University of Minnesota and Augsburg College in the USA and at Whitley College, Melbourne, together with visiting lectureships at other Australian colleges. Her books include *In Defense of Doubt: an Invitation to Adventure*, *Why We're Equal; Introducing Feminist Theology*; *John's Message: Good News for the New Millennium*; *Like Catching Water in a Net: Human Attempts to Describe the Divine* and her new book is *Stepping out with the Sacred: Human Attempts to Engage the Divine*, scheduled for publication by the end of 2010. Val's *Exploring Open Christianity* DVD is entitled *Exploring Doubt and Faith*



Sir Lloyd Geering is Emeritus Professor of Religious Studies at Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand. He is also a Fellow of Westar Institute in the USA. In 1988 he was honoured as a Companion of the British Empire; in 2001 he was honoured as Principal Companion of the NZ Order of Merit, and appointed to the Order of New Zealand in 2006. Sir Lloyd was tried for heresy by the New Zealand Presbyterian Church in the 1960s. He regularly lectures at St Andrew's Trust for the Study of Religion and Society, and is a prolific author with his latest book, *Coming Back to Earth*, published in 2009. Lloyd's *Exploring Open Christianity* DVD is entitled *Exploring the Future of Religion*.



Peter Kennedy is a Catholic priest of more than 45 years service. For his theological and ecclesiastic understandings, Peter Kennedy was sacked by Archbishop of Brisbane John Bathurst and banned from practising anywhere in the world, a penalty harsher than any imposed in Brisbane on priests convicted of paedophilia. Peter and most of his former congregation moved down the road to the Trades and Labour Council building, to become St Mary's-in-Exile. Peter's *Exploring Open Christianity* DVD is entitled *Exploring the Future of a Faith Community*.



John Dominic Crossan was Co-Chair of the Jesus Seminar from 1985 to 1996 as it met in twice-annual meetings to debate the historicity of the life of Jesus in the gospels. He was Chair of the Parables Seminar in 1972-76, Editor of *Semeia, An Experimental Journal for Biblical Criticism* in 1980-86, and Chair of the Historical Jesus Section in 1993-1998, within the Society of Biblical Literature, an international scholarly association for biblical study based in the United States. He has received awards for scholarly excellence from the American Academy of Religion in 1989, DePaul University in 1991 and 1995, and an honorary doctorate from Stetson University, DeLand, FL, in 2003. He is a prolific author and his new book is entitled *The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of the Lord's Prayer*. Dom's *Exploring Open Christianity* DVD is entitled *Exploring Jesus and Paul*.



Greg Jenks is Academic Dean at St Francis Theological College, Brisbane, and a religion scholar with a special interest in Biblical Studies, and particularly Christian origins. Greg's current research interests are focused on historical Jesus and Galilee in the early Roman period. As a member of the international project team at Bethsaida he has been involved in archaeological research into the history of Galilee in the time of Jesus. He is also a Fellow of the Jesus Seminar and a former Associate Director of the Westar Institute. He is currently preparing an introduction to the Bible designed for progressive Christians and believers in exile. It is scheduled for publication in late 2010. Greg's *Exploring Open Christianity* DVD is entitled *Exploring the Future of the Bible*

