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Dr. Val Webb is an Australian theologian who has taught religious studies at universities in the United States and Australia. She is a popular presenter and has written nine books,

including *In Defence of Doubt: an Invitation to Adventure* (Chalice Press, USA), *Florence Nightingale: the making of a radical theologian* (Chalice), *Like Catching Water in a Net: human attempts to describe the Divine* (Continuum New York & London, winner of general religion category of USA Best Books 2007 Awards), and *Stepping out with the Sacred: human attempts to engage the Divine* (Continuum 2010). To read more about her, go to www.val.webb.com.au.



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GOD: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHY... AND IF?



A seminar with Dr Val Webb

Saturday, June 18, 2011

Christ Church Anglican Cathedral
Harbour Room
2 Smith Street, Darwin

GOD: who, what, where, why -- and if?



"Val Webb is one of the most exciting Christian voices in the 21st Century." *Bishop Jack Spong*

"Val Webb is a world class scholar; but this is not a dusty tome as she writes on the basis lived experience. The book is very much life-related. In fact, experience for Webb is the litmus test of theology as she declares "The courage for *me* to challenge inadequate religious 'truths' came through my experience". *Rev Dr. Steven Ogden, Principal, St. Frances College, Brisbane*

"Webb's robust theology invites us to step out into "the messiness of the world as co-workers with the Sacred for transformation, choosing in each moment wholeness for everything in the universe rather than alienation, which leads to destruction and violence." *Margaret Ray, Progressive Christian Network Victoria*

"There is a lot to provoke thought in Webb's writing. I appreciate her healthy critique of super-spirituality, her appeal for applied and honest faith, and her celebrating of the beauty of being made in the image of God rather than being preoccupied with sinfulness." *Darren Cronsaw, Baptist Union of Victoria*

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From earliest times, people have asked the same questions and come up with answers depending on their time, place and worldview. The big question has been "Is there Something More and can we make contact with that Something?" Drawing from her latest books *Like Catching Water in a Net: human attempts to describe the Divine* and *Stepping out with the Sacred: human attempts to engage the Divine*, Dr. Val Webb will explore what has been said about the Sacred across religions and the grounds on which such claims are made; and what people have experienced as encounters with the Sacred or the Sacred engaging them. The "if," however, looms large over any such discussion and has to be included for authenticity. Any talk of God is always a faith statement -- what if there is nothing there to describe or encounter?

Come along to a day of exploration at the Cathedral on Saturday June 18th.

As always, there will be a selection of books for sale during the seminar.



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