



## HOWTHELIGHTGETSIN 2013

the philosophy and music festival at Hay

## ValuesQuest

Two days of debates in association with  
**The Club of Rome/Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC)**

### Monday 27 May 2013

12:00pm: **Politics, Power, and Religion** (Venue: International Tent)

From the divine right of kings to the Protestant work ethic and the exporting of Christianity, religion has played a key role in the growth of European power. Is turning away from our religious heritage a political mistake, or would embracing it mean a return to a pre-Enlightenment age? ResPublica director **Phillip Blond**, LSE philosopher **Simon Glendinning** and sociologist **Linda Woodhead** debate the political impact and value of religion, chaired by Oxford theologian **Shaunaka Rishi**.

1:00pm: **HowTheLightGetsIn Lunch** (Venue: The Pavilion)

Continue the conversation from this morning's debate Politics, Power and Religion as Oxford theologian **Shaunaka Rishi Das** hosts a culinary and intellectual feast in the art field Pavilion and explores the future role of stories in shaping our values. Is turning away from Europe's religious heritage a mistake, or would embracing it mean a return to a pre-Enlightenment age? Price includes lunch.

4:00pm: **Paradise... Lost?** (Venue: International Tent)

Once a driving force of political change, utopian visions are now out of fashion. But is this a lost opportunity or a new realism? Should we create new utopias and thereby impel social advance, or will we learn the lessons of history and remain sceptical of grand visions? Live from California, visionary novelist **Kim Stanley Robinson** debates the merits of utopian thinking with Aeon Magazine's **Marina Benjamin** and political theorist **Alex Callinicos**.





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### Tuesday 28 May 2013

12:00pm: **The Art of Wisdom** (Venue: Globe Hall)

Philosophers often privilege rational thought above our lived experience of the world, but has this stifled our ability to embrace the joy of simply being? Is true wisdom thinking less, and being more, or would this be a step away from our vision of Enlightenment heritage? Polar guide and filmmaker **Paul Rose**, Swedish politician and Vice President of the Club of Rome **Anders Wijkman** and literary historian **Jenni Calder** seek new ways of living chaired by Aeon Magazine's **Marina Benjamin**

4:00pm: **Dreams of Eden** (Venue: Globe Hall)

We believe we are responsible for the environment, but should we see humans as part of nature? Would a spiritual understanding of humanity's place in the natural world be an ecological asset or a throwback to Druidic superstition? Sinologist **Martin Palmer**, environmentalist **Karl Wagner** and Islamic ecologist **Fazlun Khalid** investigate our bond with nature, chaired by Amnesty International's **Rosemary Burnett**.

5.00pm: **Tea, Cake and Philosophy** (Venue: The Pavilion)

Join Club of Rome Director of External Relations **Karl Wagner** and Secretary-General of ARC **Martin Palmer** in the pavilion to continue the conversation from this afternoon's debate Dreams of Eden. Would a spiritual understanding of man's place in the natural world be an ecological asset or a throwback to pantheistic superstition. Price includes tea and cake.

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