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Philosophy, Science and the Long Journey into Night *Why Knowledge and Ethics are not Enough*

Free Public Presentation:

From Pythagoras to the present the long and glorious history of Western philosophy, and more recently, science (with all their undeniable benefits) has in the end proven incapable of providing any lasting basis for human meaning. In this lecture we will suggest that this is because neither has taken seriously enough the ontological priority of history (Croce). Furthermore, by focusing on virtue and knowledge as ends in themselves, they have failed to grasp the true nature of either humanity or reality.

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Initially trained as an aeronautical engineer, Dr Watts worked for a number of years with IBM while undertaking a degree in philosophy, art history and sociology. He worked with an organization engaged in Christian awareness projects in public schools and in providing crisis accommodation and various rehabilitation programs for the urban poor. He was a founding member of *On Being*, a major Australian Christian magazine, and supported himself and his family as a professional drummer. Rikk has served as an instructor at Gordon-Conwell (Boston), Wycliffe Hall (Oxford), Latrobe University (Melbourne) and the Bible College of Victoria (Melbourne).

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