David has been invited to teach an intensive course (five days from 9 till noon), offered in person or through ZOOM, at the Vancouver School of Theology, July 11 - 15, 2022.

The public is invited to audit or take the course for credit. The title of the course is

Soil, Roots, and Pathways: The Radical Ethos of Eastern Orthodoxy Death, Jesus Christ, Spiritual Discipline, Prayer

This course begins our exploration of the soil, roots, and pathways of the Eastern Orthodox understanding of the spiritual life. We begin with the ethos of the Orthodox tradition, its particular way of understanding the human condition, its theological particularity, and the spiritual disciplines intended to lead to the integrity of our personhood fully present to the life of the world. The intimate relationship between spiritual discipline, Gospel narrative, and Holy Tradition (including doctrinal genius) is nimbly held together as befits Orthodox ways of learning. A careful reading of primary patristic texts and contemporary literary works, W. H. Auden, Fyodor Dostoevsky and Alexandros Papadiamandis along with several films, will anchor ample opportunity for thinking together in each session.

For additional information including the course syllabus contact David Goa at davidgoa@telusplanet.net

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