

SPIRITUALITY SCHOLARS NETWORK (SSN)

*A time to reflect
A space to share*

In this era of fast knowledge, fast information, fast interaction, **The Conversational** is a gathering of scholars of spirituality who take a moment to share and discuss ideas together.

Academics, professionals, erudites, artists, imagineers, designers – and many more diverse minds – join in a meaningful conversation around deep thoughts, visions, theories and practices.

The Conversational is open to a wide range of topics and interests relating in the broadest sense possible to spirituality in terms of spirit, soul, mind and consciousness.

Third session of **The Conversational**

**TUESDAY 13TH JUNE 2023
12.00- 1.30 PM GMT**

Join us to explore the theme
***Experiential hermeneutics: Subtleties
of language in spiritual practice***
with **Les Lancaster**

Contact [Prof. M. Rogers](#)
to register for the event



Synopsis

We generally think of hermeneutics as an essentially intellectual or theological activity, through which nuances of meaning in a text may be discerned.

However, exegesis that is more mystical often depends on a distinctly experiential orientation through which the hermeneutic work nourishes spiritual and emotional aspects of our being.

The mystical exegesis is not simply a pointer to spiritual insight but becomes the means through which the reader experiences the insight.

The exegetical form is not only a reading out from the source text (i.e., somehow capturing a concealed feature of the author's intent), nor a reading in (i.e., a projection from the exegete, reflecting more of their intention), but a reading through to a shared archetypal layer of meaning.

I will be discussing my current research that is exploring this view of hermeneutics primarily through Hillman's archetypal psychology and the language mysticism of the Kabbalah.