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The Christian approach to Catastrophe

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10.00am - 4.00pm

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Programme

10.00 'The State of Nature'

- *Andy Lester—Conservation Director for A Rocha UK*

Andy is a Chartered Environmentalist, with a background in ecology, economics and the corporate sector. With the assistance of specialist staff, interns and community volunteers, Andy has led conservation work at A Rocha UK's nature reserves Wolf Fields and Foxearth.

10.45 Coffee break

11:00 'The End Times, Revelation and Catastrophe'

- *Rev. Dr Simon Woodman*

Simon Woodman is Minister of Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church in the West End of London, and the Free Church Chaplain at King's College London. He grew up in Sevenoaks in Kent, and has degrees from Sheffield, Bristol and Cardiff Universities. He has previously been a market stall holder on Camden Market, a Baptist Minister in Bristol, a Tutor at South Wales Baptist College, and a lecturer at Cardiff University. He is married to Liz.

12:00 Lunch Break

13:00 'Future Medical Disasters'

- *Dr John Day*

John Day is Consultant in Infectious Diseases & Tropical Medicine at Southend University Hospital, Essex and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, University of London. He previously worked in Zimbabwe and South Africa, developing HIV and TB services amongst gold miners. He and his family are part of Tower Hamlets Community Church in East London.



14:00

'Interview with Thomas Jay Oord'

Author of 'The Uncontrolling Love of God' and 'God Can't' Thomas Jay Oord is a theologian, philosopher, and scholar of multi-disciplinary studies as well as a best-selling and award-winning author, having written or edited more than twenty-five books. A twelve-time Faculty Award-winning professor, Oord teaches at institutions around the globe. He is the director of the Center for Open and Relational Theology. Oord is known for his contributions to research on love, open and relational theology, science and religion, and the implications of freedom and relationships for transformation.

15:00

Open Forum and Discussion followed by AGM

- Approval of Officers
- Annual accounts
- Academic Grant award
- Constitution and Finance Policies

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Homosexuality (2014)

Dealing with Conflict (2015)

What survives death? (2016)

Is God Violent (2017)

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