



BELIEVE IT OR NOT: 'RELIGION IN THE MODERN WORLD'

AGENDA

- 9.25 School's Login
- **9.30** Welcome and Introduction to the School Dr Muiris MacCarthaigh
- **9.40** What's God got to do with morality? Dr Tom Walker

This presentation investigates the idea that without God, anything goes. There are two reasons someone might believe this. One is that God is the source of morality, so without God there is no morality. The other is that God is the ultimate enforcer of morality, so that only those who believe in God will act morally. The presentation will look at both.

10.10 What do atheists believe?

Dr Jon Lanman

This presentation will present research findings that address the 'What's God got to do with morality?' question. Data will be presented from the Understanding Unbelief programme, highlighting data across 6 countries pertaining to non-God supernatural beliefs and how prevalent these are among atheists/agnostics, and also the moral values/viewpoints of atheists/agnostics.

10.40 Comfort Break

10.50 What is a Protestant and a Catholic in Northern Ireland? Prof Dominic Bryan

The presentation will examine what is meant by the terms Protestant and Catholic in the context of Northern Ireland. It will look at the differences between religious practice, religious institutions and the defining of social groups using these categories. In doing so it will explore the relationship between religion and ethnicity.

11.20 Studying Anthropology and Philosophy at Queen's Dr Muiris MacCarthaigh

12.00 Close