COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: New Eyes on the Bible: A Story of Spiritual Evolution

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Barry Ebert
Rev. Dr. Barry Ebert is an Associate Minister and Youth Director at Mile Hi Church in Lakewood, Colorado. He has been teaching this workshop in various forms for six years and continues to enjoy learning more every time he presents it. He considers himself to be more of a Bible student than a Bible expert. He is also a singer/songwriter with five CDs of mostly original music to his credit. There could well be some live music during the workshop.

Course Times: Thursdays 9:30-11:30 (October 17-November 7, 2019)

Course Location: Ruffatto Hall, Room 234

Course Description:
The new eyes on the Bible will be yours as we look at this ancient collection of books with a fresh perspective and see the riches that it can still offer us today. We will focus on metaphysical interpretations of both old and new testament teachings and discuss how these ideas and stories resonate with us now. Most of all, we will enjoy the journey, as we look at the best-selling book of all time, freed from dogma, superstition and religious agenda.

Session #1 – Where did the Bible come from, who wrote it and how did it grow into the form that we know today? This book has been on quite a journey. We will look at the origins of the Bible, the original authors and languages, and how its history helps to make the content come to life for us today.

Session #2 – The Great Stories. We’ll look at metaphysical interpretations of Biblical teachings and also explore the world of modern Biblical scholarship.

Session #3 – The evolution of thought that the Bible presents is important if we are going to understand what meaning lies behind the words. From the Old Testament stories of Moses to the teaching of Jesus in the gospels, a lot of time passed and a lot happened in the world. We’ll look at how the ideas of God and humanity changed over time and discuss how we are evolving in our spiritual thinking today.

Session #4 – The Five Gospels (including the Gospel of Thomas). We’ll look at the life and teachings of Jesus and see how his ministry spread and changed the world. We’ll also look at how Thomas Jefferson studied the New Testament and how it shaped his thinking.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS OR MATERIALS: Bring a Bible