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Faith Seeking Understanding: A (Very) Brief Introduction to Medieval Theology

Presented By Jack Ciancio, DRS

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Jamestown Friends Meeting, Saturday, September 10, 9 AM — 1 P.M.

What is Medieval Theology?

What is the nature of the Divine? Can God undo the past? What is the connection between grace and free will? From Augustine to Aquinas, some of the greatest theologians in history sought to answer those questions and more. Their answers helped form the foundation of Christian dogma and created an unparalleled body of religious thought known as *Medieval Theology*. This faith-enriching review will introduce you to the individuals, their creative theological thought, and their enduring writings.

Anyone who desires a deeper understanding of the complex development of the Christian faith will benefit from this captivating presentation. Please join us!

Registration fee of \$20.00 per individual, in-person or Zoom, includes 28-page PDF Coursebook. Ten percent of proceeds go to charity. Some scholarships available. **For health reasons the on-site attendance will be limited to 30 persons, so register soon!**

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Presenter Biography

Jack retired several years ago after a nearly forty-year career in healthcare as a psychiatric nurse and educator. The most profound part of his career was when he became involved in medical ethics, especially issues concerning end-of-life care. That involvement led him to the intersection of medical science and religion and prompted him to pursue an advanced degree in religion, leading to a Doctorate in Religious Studies. He has served on the ethics committee of two leading medical centers and his local hospice. He has published numerous nursing and faith-based journal articles as well as two books, most currently, [*Through the Eyes of Mark: His World, His Gospel*](#) (see reviews below). His article, "The Bridge of Friendship" is due for publication in *Friends Journal*, October 2022. His current investigational interest is medieval theology and its centuries-long challenge to reconcile the philosophy of reason and the theology of faith. Otherwise, you can find him on his hobby farm beating back weeds while growing a few meager crops.

"Jack Ciancio's book offers two especially important insights in adding to the vast literature on Mark. He takes seriously the advice every student of the Bible should take— that context is everything. And as a Quaker, he takes seriously that the Bible must be read in the Spirit in which it was given forth."

Max L. Carter, PhD

William R. Rogers Director of Friends Center and Quaker Studies (retired)
Guilford College, Greensboro, N.C.

"In this book, Jack Ciancio guides the reader through the mystery of the first written gospel. He asks, "Why this gospel, in this form, at this time? To answer these questions, Ciancio strips away 2000 years of cultural and theological interpretation to offer the reader a concise view of the gospel as it was intended for its original time and audience."

Mark Sills, founding Executive Director, FaithAction International House, NC