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"Thank you so much for your time yesterday. I really appreciated it. I'll follow up on all those resources you shared with me. Hopefully we can continue the conversation in the new year."

U. of Guelph student

"I recently picked up a copy of your book. I just wanted to let you know that I enjoyed reading it. Many of the ideas that you explained so well in the book align with some of my own thoughts that I have not taken the time to develop clearly in words, so reading the book helped to establish some clarity. It is reassuring to know that people such as yourself share some of my perspectives."

U. of Waterloo student

"Keith's style of facilitation was balanced, incisive, fair-minded, and inclusive—enabling us to draw our own conclusions instead of offering us pre-packaged answers. Keith went above and beyond creating detailed handouts for each of us and his commitment to compassion and reason were evident each time we talked. I'd highly recommend attending any discussion groups Keith facilitates in the future."

U. of Guelph alumnus and participant in exploring and critiquing *12 Rules for Life*

SPECTRUM

SPECTRUM Artistic and Educational Media Association is a non-profit, registered charity promoting media arts in education. *Our mission is to provide schools and registered charities with artistic and educational media that foster life-enhancing values.*

Spectrum's history can be divided into 3 chapters. **Chapter 1**, during the 1980s, focused on **Exploring Values and Beliefs**. Under Inter-Varsity Fellowship, Spectrum produced and presented two 3-screen, 9-projector multimedia presentations. One of these, *In Search of a Sun: An Inquiry into Values*, was presented 500 times to nearly 100,000 people in all 10 provinces. Whenever possible it was shown with its sequel, first *Between Reflections*, then *Say It Isn't True: An Inquiry into Faith*.

Chapter 2, in the 1990s, saw Spectrum become an independent artistic and educa-

tional media resource with an expanded mandate, **Probing Values, Beliefs and Social Concerns**. We further described our work as 'Fostering a civil, just and caring society.' Our media format shifted to 3-projector, wide-screen presentations followed by audience interaction and response. From 1990 to 2001, Spectrum produced and gave 900 presentations of *Take It Back* (Caring for Planet Earth), *Dear God* (Barriers and Bridges to Faith), and *No More Turning Away* (From Hunger, Poverty and Injustice) to 220,000 students and adults in 8 provinces.

Chapter 3 began in 2002 with the goal of 'Fostering Social Responsibility and Spiritual Awareness.' In 2009 we revised our goal to **Fostering Values That Enhance Life**. Our initial focus was on providing opportunities for conversation around media (books, music and movies) that explore a progressive or metaphorical understand-

ing of life and spirituality. With **Inspiring Students To Care**, a program in partnership with Rotary Clubs of District 6330 and Zone 24, we updated and transferred *No More Turning Away* and *Take It Back* to DVD, placing 1100 DVDs in 42 school boards in 6 provinces across Canada. In 2014 we produced *Seismic Shift: Spirituality for the Rest of Us*, a multimedia resource for exploring spirituality with university students and adults.

Since 2014 Spectrum has sponsored Keith as a nonreligious chaplain at U. of Waterloo and U. of Guelph, expanding Spectrum's presence on the university campus. In September a new website was launched, www.GoodButNotReligious.ca, focusing on Keith's chaplaincy on campus and online, including resources for being and doing good.

Spectrum's Board in 2018-19 consisted of Bev Garinger, Rob Ritchie, Sally Johnson and Sue Askin (until September). Bev is owner and manager of The Source in Warton and is a member of The Rotary Club of Warton. Rob is a writer, editor, author and musician, part of RPR and Midnight Blue. Sally is a therapist and teacher of transpersonal psychology. Sue is a retired nurse who is also a member of Rotary. She helped us greatly in becoming more efficient as a board.

Joining our board in May 2019 is John Sharp, a professional photographer from Midland who worked for Spectrum as a student one summer and has contributed images for 5 Spectrum productions.

Keith's Chaplaincy Support Team this past year consisted of Isobel McGregor (who passed away in January), Larry Kelly, Tui Torre, Isobel Field and now Colin McGregor, helping him raise funds for his work on both university campuses.



Spectrum's Board of Directors 5/19

SEISMIC SHIFT



In 2013 Keith published a book called *Seismic Shift: From God to Goodness*. Subtitled 'A journey of loss and discovery,' it describes his journey from belief in God as a higher Being to God as a higher Ideal, especially the ideal of Goodness.

novel, available as a pdf or in paperback through SeismicShift.ca and GoodButNot-Religious.ca.

This past year Seismic Shift was shown at the U. of Waterloo and the U. of Guelph for the last A Taste of Oasis events of the year.

In 2014 Spectrum produced a companion multimedia presentation entitled *Seismic Shift: Spirituality for the Rest of Us*. It explores a progressive alternative to traditional faith, New Age spirituality, and atheism.

In 1918 Keith reworked his book into a novel, called *Seismic Shift: The*

Here are some responses to the presentations:

"A very interesting, personal story. Makes one think about how we think of 'God' in everyday life. Is he a Person or the personification of an idea?"

"The concept of 'Did God create us after we created him' is a powerful one that sums up a lot of what is meant by the personification of 'Goodness.' It's something that will stick with me for a while."

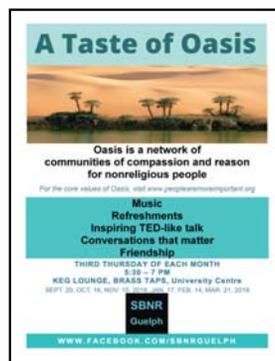
"I liked the honesty of the questions. . . . I, too, have a desire for God but I don't know if I believe in God anymore."

"I love the quote from (Scott) Peck about mental health and putting effort into the journey. . . . I love hearing your story and seeing how different our journeys are, even though we ended up in a similar place."

SPIRITUAL (i.e. GOOD) BUT NOT RELIGIOUS CHAPLAINCY

In September 2014 Keith became a nonreligious chaplain at U. of Waterloo and U. of Guelph. When it comes to religious identity, "no religious affiliation" or "none" is the fastest growing segment among students and adults. He is a chaplain for the "nones," especially students who are, or want to be, spiritual but not necessarily religious. His goal is to point students to universal, life-enhancing values like goodness and compassion rather than a particular set of beliefs.

On both campuses he offered **A Taste of Oasis**. Oasis is a network of communities of compassion and reason for non-religious people. A Taste of Oasis is a sample of what an Oasis meeting would be like, including music, refreshments, an inspiring TED-like talk, conversations that matter, and friendship.



At U of Waterloo 21 people attended 8 A Taste of Oasis events at least once, with an average of 7 people per event. At U. of Guelph 23 people attended 6 events at least once, with an average of 8 people. At UW Conversations That Matter were offered on the weeks between A Taste of Oasis.

A 5 page SBNR Chaplaincy Report with 16 appendixes and 23 pages of photos is available on request. If you would like to be part of Keith's work on campus, your financial support would be a real encouragement, enabling him to continue helping students live by life-enhancing values.

Keith is a member of the U. of Waterloo Chaplaincy Association and the U. of Guelph Multi-Faith Resource Team, sponsored by Spectrum A&E Media and St. John's United Church in Warton, with Ed Laksmanis as his supervisor.

The core values of Oasis are: people are more important than beliefs, reality is known through reason, human hands solve human problems, meaning comes from making a difference, and be accepting and be accepted (www.peoplearemoreimportant.org).

Spectrum ended the year with a surplus of \$1,833 and was able to eliminate its overall debt and start the new year with \$309. A 10 page financial statement and review engagement by BDO Canada or a 2 page financial summary by Spectrum is available on request.

Respectfully submitted,
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