



Ecumenical Theology

Religious Basic Training For Leadership In The Family Of God

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This is an offer to lead a year-long seminar at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on the subject of ecumenical theology. Details are:

- The purpose of this seminar is an assimilation of intellectual and moral content.
- Meetings are for clarification of material already digested, through recitation and disputation - the reverse of ordinary pedagogical procedure.

- Significant dedication to a large amount of work and effacement of personal interests, including "sense of self-esteem [AKA ego]," is expected.
- There will be no exploration of ideas or issues brought by participants.
- An individual evidencing non-preparation will be dismissed from the meeting and the remainder of the seminar.
- One third of participants must be between the ages of 12 and 28.
- If less than one third of participants in any meeting is between the ages of 12 and 28, that meeting and the remainder of the seminar will be terminated.
- Meetings commence September 2001 and finish August 2002.
- Meetings will be at St. Thomas Episcopal Church from 1400 to 1800 hours on the third Sunday of each month.
- Two meetings will be devoted to the primary work of each of six figures: Gregory Bateson, Teilhard de Chardin, Paul Tillich, Baha'u'llah, Valmiki/Sathya Sai Baba and Seers of Tibet.

Seminar Schedule

September/October 2001

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Primary: *The Phenomenon of Man*

Secondary: *The Divine Milieu*

Tertiary: *The Future of Man*

November/December 2001

Baha'u'llah

Primary: *The Hidden Words*

Secondary: *The Seven Valleys*

Tertiary: *God, His Manifestations, and Man*

January/February 2002

Gregory Bateson

Primary: *Mind and Nature*

Secondary: *Steps to an Ecology of Mind*

A Sacred Unity: Further Steps to an Ecology of Mind

Tertiary: *Angels Fear: Towards an Epistemology of the Sacred*

March/April 2002

Valmiki/Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba

[*Ramakatha Rasa Vahini*](#)

[\(The Rama Story, Stream of Sacred Sweetness, Ramayana\)](#)

May/June 2002

Paulus Johannes Tillich

Primary: *Systematic Theology Vols. 1-3*

Secondary: *Theology of Culture*

Tertiary: *A History of Christian Thought*, ed., Carl E. Braaten

July/August 2002

Seers of Tibet

Bardo Thodol (The Tibetan Book of the Dead)

