

# John Main Seminar 2013

September 20–22

Hong Kong, CHINA

## Desert Wisdom & Oriental Spirituality: Inner Silence

Led by

Joseph Wong OSB Cam

Pre-Seminar Silent Retreat September 16-19

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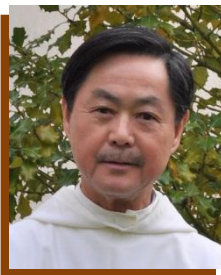
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### Desert Wisdom & Oriental Spirituality : Inner Silence

The practice of Christian meditation taught by John Main can be traced back to the Desert Fathers, in their effort to achieve inner silence and thereby union with God through purity of heart and unceasing prayer.

The contemplative-prophetic spirituality of our time is a development from this tradition. Joseph Wong will explore this ancient wisdom, showing its affinity with some Buddhist practices and indicating its contemporary relevance.



#### Joseph Wong OSB Cam

A Chinese from Hong Kong, Fr. Joseph is a Benedictine monk of the Camaldolese Congregation. He holds MTh from the University of London and STD from the Gregorian University, Rome, and is a member of the Pontifical Academy of Theology.

Periodically he teaches theology and spirituality at the seminaries in Beijing and Shanghai. Fr. Joseph is Assistant to the Prior General of his Congregation and Novice Master of the Monastery of Camaldoli near Florence where he also conducts retreats on contemplative prayer.

#### Author/Editor of Books

- *Logos-Symbol in the Christology of Karl Rahner* (Rome: 1984)
- *Overflowing of the Heart: Extra-Liturgical Prayer*
- *Purity of Heart and Contemplation: A Monastic Dialogue between Christian and Asian Traditions* (New York: [Continuum] 2001)
- *Il primato dell'amore. La spiritualità benedettina camaldolese* (Assisi: [Cittadella] 2011);
- *A History of Christian Spirituality*, vols.1-3(Taipei:2012)

**SPONSORSHIP** is available for a limited number of places. To apply, write or email the Secretariat before 30 April. [address overleaf].

## Pre-Seminar Silent Retreat

### East-West : The Two Halves of the Soul

In the pre-Seminar retreat Fr Laurence will explore the deep basis of the east-west divide. He will show how - as with the contemplative-active polarity - the underlying unity of all human spiritual experience reveals the true meaning of our life's journey.



#### Laurence Freeman OSB

The seminar will be preceded by a silent retreat led by Fr Laurence Freeman, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation.

He is a Benedictine monk, international speaker, retreat master and writer. He is active in inter-religious dialogue and peace initiatives. He works for the recovery of the contemplative wisdom tradition in the Church and society at large.

**Pre-Seminar Silent Retreat** September 16-19  
(Monday afternoon to Thursday afternoon)

Retreat Venue: Harbour Plaza Resort City Hotel, 18, Tin Yan Road, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories, Hong Kong, China

**John Main Seminar 2013** September 20-22  
(Friday to Sunday) (whole day programs)

Seminar Venue: St. Paul's Convent School, Secondary Section, School Hall (3/F), 140, Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, China

<http://www.spcs.edu.hk/schoolprofile/campus.htm>

(Non-residential seminar: Accommodation possibilities are provided for overseas participants. Refer to [www.johnmainseminar2013.com](http://www.johnmainseminar2013.com))

**Post-Seminar Interfaith Journey** September 22-25

After the John Main Seminar 2013, come and join us for our Interfaith Journey and see how in Hong Kong the different faiths can live in harmony – specifically a chance to visit the Big Buddha at the Buddhist Po Lin Monastery and also to visit the monks living in the serene surroundings of the Trappist Monastery at Lantau Island. You will also be visiting the Victoria Peak enjoying its unique evening scene, a fishing village in Tai O and Stanley Market where you can pick up bargains. And of course no visit to Hong Kong is complete without sampling the various famous Chinese dishes. All this and more when you join our Interfaith Journey.



**JOHN MAIN SEMINAR 2013 SECRETARIAT CONTACT DETAILS**

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**Registration & Cancellation Terms**

**Registration:** Complete form and return with payment upon commencement of registration on 25 January, 2013.

**Closing date:** 31 August 2013 \* First-come, first served basis.  
You will be notified and assigned a Registration Number when your place is confirmed. Advance booking is necessary for all 3 events.  
Early Bird Registration until 28 February, 2013.

**Deposit [non-refundable]**

—USD100.00 or HKD800.00 per person is payable upon registration.

**Full Payment**

— Full payment must be made on or before 31 August 2013.  
— All payments before 28 February 2013 will enjoy a discounted rate as indicated on the registration form.

**Priority**

—Bookings for both Seminar & Retreat will be given priority.

**Cancellations**

— Before 31 July 2013 – 50% refund.  
— After 31 July 2013 – no refund.

**Fees [inclusions]**

— RESIDENTIAL RETREAT ONLY:  
All meals. Check-out on 19 September.  
— RETREAT & SEMINAR  
Retreat (all meals) & Non-residential Seminar (with daily simple lunches and social Evening with dinner on 21 Sept).  
— \*INTERFAITH JOURNEY:  
3 nights' accommodation; journey begins right after seminar.  
Coach transfers throughout & all meals. Check-out 25 September.  
\* Priority will be given to overseas participants.

John Main Seminar 2013 September 20-22  
Pre-Seminar Retreat September 16-19

This seminar is held annually by WCCM since 1984 in various cities in the world in honor of Dom John Main OSB (1926-1982), the inspiration and founder of the World Community for Christian Meditation. It brings together meditators globally and those wishing to discover the practice of Christian meditation. This is the first time that the John Main Seminar is held in China.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

PLEASE WRITE IN CAPITAL LETTERS AND COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM (Please tick✓)

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms Rev. Sr. Dr.  \_\_\_\_\_  
Given Name

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address (with country & area codes) \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (with country & area codes) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax (with country & area codes) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Seminar proceedings in Cantonese with Simultaneous English Translation (with headphones) for overseas participants and only those in need. (Please tick ✓ Yes if you need English Translation )  
Diet &/ Health Requirements (Please tick✓)

Vegetarian  Non-vegetarian  Other {state below}

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS (WITH NAME(S) IN BLOCK WITH TITLE(S))

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Registration ..... Receipt/Registration No.....  
Cheque/Wire-Transfer Information .....  
Deposit Amt USD..... /HKD.....Date of Payment.....  
Final Amt USD...../ HKD.....Date of Payment.....  
Remarks (if any).....

| EVENT   | RATES USD/HKD<br>For Full Payment |                           | Places<br>Required | Amount<br>Payable |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|   | Before<br>Feb 28                  | After<br>Feb 28           |                    |                   |
| <b>RETREAT ONLY</b> [Sept 16-19]  |                                   |                           |                    |                   |
| Twin-share  | USD475.00/<br>HKD3,800.00         | USD500.00/<br>HKD4,000.00 |                    |                   |
| Single  | USD610.00/<br>HKD4,900.00         | USD640.00/<br>HKD5,100.00 |                    |                   |
| <b>RETREAT &amp; SEMINAR</b> [Sept 16-22]<br>(Daily Simple Lunch, Coffee breaks & Sept 21 Social Evening with dinner) |                                   |                           |                    |                   |
| Twin-share<br>(for Retreat)   | USD610.00/<br>HKD4,900.00         | USD650.00/<br>HK5,200.00  |                    |                   |
| Single (for<br>Retreat)   | USD750.00/<br>HKD6,000.00         | USD790.00/<br>HKD6,300.00 |                    |                   |
| <b>SEMINAR ONLY</b> [Sept 20-22] (Daily Simple Lunch, Coffee breaks Only)   |                                   |                           |                    |                   |
| Commuter  | USD100.00/<br>HKD800.00           | USD110.00/<br>HKD900.00   |                    |                   |
| <b>SEMINAR ONLY</b> [Sept 20-22]<br>(Daily Simple Lunch, Coffee breaks & Sept 21 Social Evening with dinner)          |                                   |                           |                    |                   |
| Commuter  | USD140.00/<br>HKD1,100.00         | USD150.00/<br>HKD1,200.00 |                    |                   |
| <b>POST-SEMINAR TRIP</b> [Sept 22-25]   |                                   |                           |                    |                   |
| Twin-share  | USD450.00/<br>HKD3,600.00         | USD480.00/<br>HKD3,800.00 |                    |                   |
| Single  | USD610.00/<br>HKD4,900.00         | USD650.00/<br>HKD5,200.00 |                    |                   |
| <b>TOTAL PAYABLE</b>  |                                   |                           |                    |                   |
| <b>Payment Enclosed:</b>  |                                   |                           |                    |                   |
| Deposit [USD100.00/HKD800.00]   |                                   |                           |                    |                   |
| Full payment  |                                   |                           |                    |                   |
| My donation towards the sponsorship fund / WCCM [optional]  |                                   |                           |                    |                   |
| <b>BALANCE PAYABLE</b>  |                                   |                           |                    |                   |

Cheques in Hong Kong dollars only  
Payable to: The World Community for Christian Meditation (HK)

**PAYMENT BY WIRE-TRANSFER / CREDIT CARD (USD ONLY)**  
 VISA  MASTER #[FOR OVERSEAS PARTICIPANTS ONLY]

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ (last 3 digits on back of card)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name as on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form and your payment to:  
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