



Spirituality in the Pub
8pm Wed. 5th October 2016

THE PUMPHOUSE HOTEL
128 NICHOLSON STREET FITZROY

(opp. Carlton Gardens) Street parking available



HOW CAN THE SCRIPTURES BE BELIEVED?

Richard Dawkins and many fellow-travellers reject religion on the grounds that the existence of God is “not provable”, and the Scriptures because they contain too many stories that are “just not believable”.

Scripture scholars have developed radical new insights over recent decades, but many Christians hold fast to a literal interpretation of scriptural narratives even when they are seen to be contrary to human experience – such as the parting of the Red Sea in the Old Testament and the Virgin Birth in the New.

Could it be that both the nay-sayers and the convinced traditionalists are both wrong? Could it even be that both are making the same error? If so, what are they both missing, and how can we legitimately retain the Scriptures as a foundation for belief?

David Tacey, Emeritus Professor at LaTrobe University, is a public intellectual working across the fields of spirituality, religion, psycho-analysis, literature and Australian culture. Some of his fourteen books have been translated into Chinese, Korean, Spanish and French. He will provide challenging insights regarding the above questions, by explaining the themes in his latest book, *Beyond Literal Belief: Religion as Metaphor*, published by John Garratt Publishing in 2015. Come along and provide him with challenging feedback!

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