

Feedback from the talk by

Fr Gerard J Hughes, SJ on The Meaning of Life

Which took place on Saturday 18th June 2011

I think Fr Hughes is a delightful open man, one of those people you can identify as a leader in opening the questions of life and love. I don't think it matters at what level you feel the talk was at because all the people have different abilities and are adults. I think it was long enough for a Saturday afternoon. I am very grateful to have travelled here because we don't have these opportunities very often in N Wales. Thank you and also for the tea and welcome.

Content: Very enjoyable and thought-provoking. A difficult topic but well presented with humour. Could be good from 3-5 so that we can go straight to church for mass. 2 hours was good.

Difficult topic to address but Fr Gerry did admirable work in pitching his talk appropriately. A stimulating and thought-provoking session.

Very interesting talk by Fr Gerry. Lots of deep questions were raised in a light-hearted way. Length of talk was right and the question session was well organised.

Other topics: Problem of evil; who is God? Please come again.

Helpful. Right length. Saturday is a good day. Good background...40 mins of theory. Good sharing and answers.

Questions that came out: evil; the soul; would non-believers be saved?

Interesting: Yes. Some of us could be left with the feeling that there is nothing to be gained by being a 'believer'. We need more of this type of talk. Thank you.

Wonderful talk/presentation..time just right, 2 hours. The questions need to be guided as they left the topic in hand. Good on a Saturday

Time just about right. Topic interesting. Length fine. Thank God for tea and cake though. Other future topics? Church History; Mary; Catholic Social Teaching.

Raised a lot of questions. Would prefer more structure. Maybe small parts of the bigger question explored in more detail.

Two hours is right. Might be helpful to have some literature on the topics beforehand in order to collect thoughts and questions. Have a follow-up session.

For me as a 12 yr old I found it quite confusing, I think I left with more questions than I came with. I thought there would be more discussion. I did find it interesting but confusing.

Very interesting. Time ideal and stuck to. Leaves us with more questions than answers.

Very interesting and easy to follow each point. Saturday afternoon a good time. Questions and answers good but maybe longer for these. Well organised. Thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of this.

Most interesting and enlightening afternoon. Many points raised that will mean hours of pondering.

I look forward to more on this line. Further topics: evangelisation. Evenings, 7_8pm or Saturdays.

Very good Interesting. Q and A session very enjoyable. Right time of day and week. 2 hours just right.

Excellent talk. I learned a lot. Time was good. Length also was right with break in middle. Questions helpful.

Talk was very interesting. Thought provoking. Excellent! Timing just right.

Very informative talk, enjoyed it. Right level. Time right.

Very interesting. Timing just right. More of the same please.

Venue good. Time good. Speaker excellent. Topic very stimulating. Level right. Length of talk right. Suggestion for future: invite speaker again to talk to the young people of the parish (post confirmation>>young adults...)

Too intellectual. Don't know who Aristotle is.

The talk was very interesting but I do not know if I am any the wiser. I look forward to other topics being discussed.

Thought-provoking: mind opening. Sense of wonder of beyond ourselves and our limited world. Perhaps Richard Dawkins could have a different view on things if he were a cosmologist. Biology is very limited. More please. I hope this one was just the overture.

Very informative. Wish my unbelieving husband had attended. If he had known the proposed format he might have done so. Gerry delivered his talk at just the right level. Time was right and the refreshments were welcome. Well done. I look forward to more.

Excellent talk. Right level. Correct length to keep attention. Thought-provoking. Non-judgemental. Welcomed questions from audience. Would love to have Fr Gerry back for more.

Thank you Fr Gerry for a wonderful talk and explanation. You have given me so much to think about and have enlightened my understanding. I want more. May God bless you in all you give to all of us.

Until we meet at your next meeting. You were GREAT!

Very informative and enjoyable and about the right length. A talk/tea-break/questions is a good format. I would be interested to come again. Perhaps God and the existence of evil would be a good topic.

Very stimulating and interesting. More of the same from Father, less time for questions.