Hügel guest lecture

Creatures, Citizens or Consumers? Liberal Education for the Post-Christian Age

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Abstract: Prof. Ranasinghe will defend the relevance of Citizenship and Christian Humanism in a time when we're posed with a false choice between religious fundamentalism and godless consumerism. He will also argue that small educational institutions based on the ancient idea of (both Abrahamic and Homeric) hospitality can make it possible for us to recover the beloved community, a place where human beings can see their neighbors through the eyes of God and bring out the best in each other.

Nalin Ranasinghe has written on subjects ranging from The Bible, Homer and Greek tragedy to Shakespeare, Nietzsche and Hannah Arendt. The author of 3 books on Socrates: The Soul of Socrates, Socrates in the Underworld and Socrates and the Gods, he has just completed a book on Homer's Odyssey, The Confessions of Odysseus.