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Church and Mission in the New Asia

New Gods, New Identities

Talk 1 - The Postcolonial:
Unlearning Colonial
Mission

Talk 2 - The Postmodern:
Shopping for Identities

Talk 3 - The Posthuman:
Technology as Salvation



speaker:

Dr Vinoth Ramachandra is the secretary for dialogue and social engagement for the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES)

10 - 12 October 2007, 8.00pm, MPH, Level 1

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Introducing the 2007 Annual Lecture Series: Church and Mission in the new Asia

Many parts of Asia are being rapidly transformed by new technologies, unequal wealth creation and the emergence of religious radicalism. Individual lives and whole societies are being re-configured around new gods and identities. What does following Jesus as Lord mean in such changing contexts? If Christian witness is to be truly Christian, and not a bearer of false gods, our pragmatism and activism need to be shaped by prophetic discernment and godly wisdom.

Ramachandra writing on the mission of the church in his work *Gods that fail* (1996)

'If the church is to be obedient to her vocation to confront the multiform idolatries of the modern world, she must begin repenting of ways of thinking about truth, tradition and authority that derive from an alien mindset.'

Introducing Vinoth Ramachandra

Dr Vinoth Ramachandra resides in Sri Lanka where he was born and educated before pursuing tertiary training in the United Kingdom. Dr Ramachandra teaches and lectures widely at international Christian gatherings and theological colleges and universities in Asia, Europe and North America. Apart from several journal articles, he has also authored books such as *Gods that fail: modern idolatry and Christian mission* (1996), *Faiths in conflict?: Christian integrity in a multicultural world* (1999) and *The message of mission: the glory of Christ in all time and space* (2003)



Introducing the CSCA Annual Lecture Series

Each year, CSCA invites an internationally renowned scholar to present a series of three lectures that seek to challenge thinking and reflection among Asian Christians about our identity and mission in the world.

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