



Wisdom in Shakespeare Evening

Exploring the Wisdom in 'Hamlet'

7 December 2017, 19:30-22:00

led by Peter Dawkins & Saira Salmon

The Brooke Suite, The Arden Hotel, 44 Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6BA, England.

"To be or not to be" is probably the most famous quote from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Behind this alone is a whole wealth of interpretation, knowledge and wisdom, leading on to the deepest of things – the origin of life itself.

But the whole play is packed full of wisdom, revealed in a tragedy that shows up truth by means of its opposite – human ignorance, errors, superstition, misunderstanding, unkindness, lust, greed, murder and revenge. Hamlet's remark to Ophelia, "Get thee to a nunnery," perhaps sums up the very thing that causes the fall of man, repeated by our human race over and over again. True love, though offered, is hurt, cast out, thrown away, thought unworthy.



These 'Wisdom in Shakespeare' evenings give us the opportunity to explore the various wisdom teachings and traditions utilised by the author Shakespeare in the Shakespeare plays, to see why and how Shakespeare used them and what they can teach us today.

For each evening, Peter Dawkins and Saira Salmon will each provide a short talk or presentation on a particular wisdom tradition which can be found in the play that is being focused on that evening, with examples drawn from the play to illustrate how it is used. We can then look at and discuss not only Shakespeare's use of that wisdom but also what it means or might mean, what it says to each of us, what advice it might give, how and where we might see this played out in our own life experiences and that of others, and how we might use this wisdom and what we've learnt from Shakespeare to improve life generally for ourselves, others and the world.

Dates of 'Wisdom in Shakespeare' Evenings:

1. 26 Jan 2017: *The Tempest*
2. 9 March 2017: *Loves Labours Lost*
3. 6 July 2017: *Midsummer Night's Dream*
4. 28 September 2017: *Measure for Measure*
5. 7 December 2017: *Hamlet*

Cost

£25 (incl. VAT) per person per evening. Limited places – booking essential. (Bursaries available.)

Further Information & Booking

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Presenters



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