



2024 Annual Conference
2-4 July 2024
The Hayes Conference Centre

The root of all evil?

Money & Practical Theology

Call for Papers

This year the theme of our conference offers potential speakers a wealth of opportunities to explore the place of theology within the marketplace. We welcome a wide spectrum of interpretation and engagement on the theme of money and the economy from a variety of perspectives. Whether you have explored poverty or successful entrepreneurship, reflected on money in your own experience or viewed it through the lens of a local community or a particular faith, we would love to hear you share your research and thinking with us. We offer below a number of potential themes and are also open to other topics and titles which interact with our theme.

- How do faith communities deal with the idea of riches and poverty?
- What is the place of faith in the economy and business?
- How do the lives of those in poverty give us new insight into God?
- Is money inherently evil or only the love of it?
- What place do faith leaders have in their local communities where there is disparity between those who are poor and those who are wealthy?
- What does wealth look like in God's economy and what does that mean for us?
- How has money or the lack of it formed the local community where you are?
- Tell us about local projects raising awareness of local assets, financial and otherwise.
- How does the economy interact with issues of the climate crisis?
- What experience do you have of economic justice issues for those of a particular class, gender or ethnic group?
- What are the justice issues around a cashless society and how should people of faith respond?
- How has strategic funding from large donors impacted a local faith-based project in your community?
- What insights into the economy do various cultures and faiths offer?
- How do the power relationships of corporations affect our search for a more just economy?
- How have Brexit, and the cost-of-living crisis impacted attitudes towards money?
- What insights from scriptures and/or traditions may be helpful in informing our understanding of money?
- How has a change in financial circumstances affected a community, group of people or individual?

We welcome 200 – 300 word abstracts for 20 minute papers, from a range of disciplines and religious and spiritual traditions and emerging themes in non-religion.

The conference is committed to ensuring an inclusive environment for discussion and the dissemination of work.

Please submit your abstract as a Word document and include your name, institution, title of paper, and email address, and send to papers@biapt.org

All paper proposals are reviewed blind and independently by two members of the board of trustees. If you have any queries about this process please contact the chair Sarah Brush on chair@biapt.org.

Deadline for submission: 15 March 2024, 17:00 GMT. Notification by 15 April.