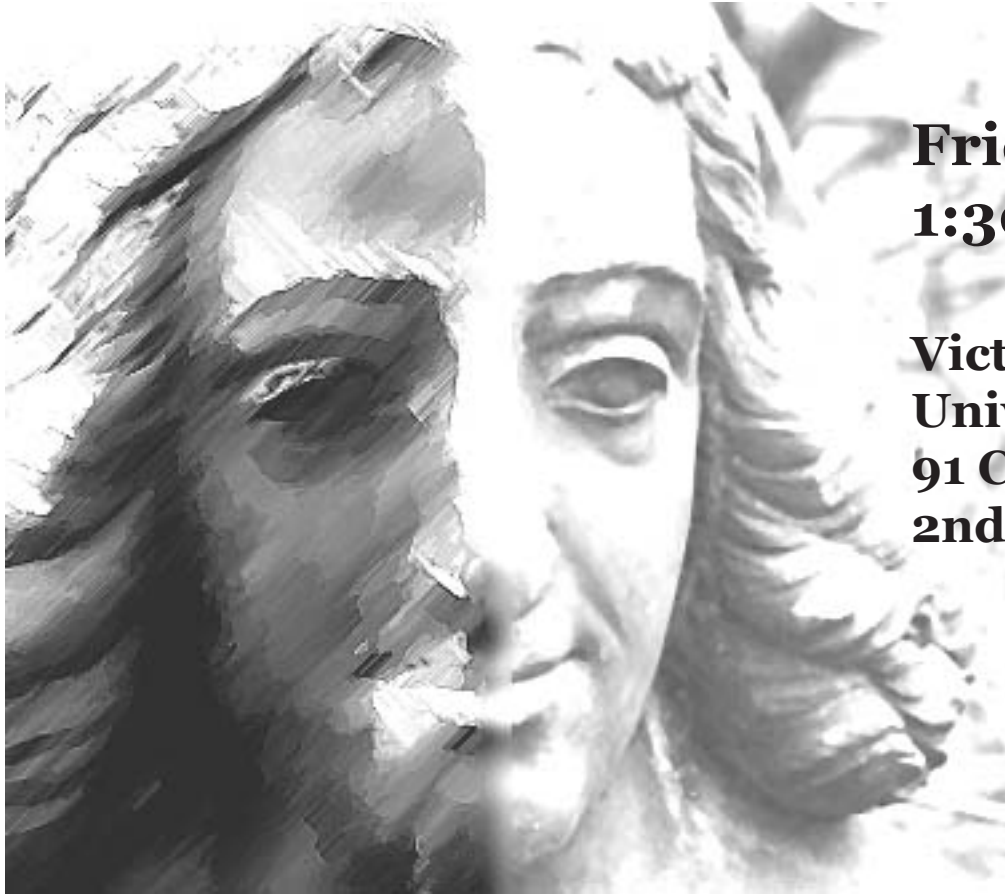


# Spinoza as Religious Philosopher:

## Between Jewishness and Radical Protestantism



**Friday, Oct 20, 2006**  
**1:30 - 4:45**

**Victoria College Chapel**  
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*A Toronto Mennonite Theology Centre Symposium, Presenting:*

**Willi Goetschel**, Professor of German and Philosophy, University of Toronto

*Spinoza's Modernity* (2004).

**Graeme Hunter**, Professor of Philosophy, University of Ottawa

*Radical Protestantism in Spinoza's Thought* (2005).

**David Novak**, Professor of Jewish Studies and Philosophy, University of Toronto

*Talking with Christians: Musings of a Jewish Theologian* (2005).

**Michael Driedger**, Professor of History, Brock University

*Obedient Heretics: Mennonite Identities ... during the Confessional Age* (2002).

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Deleuze wrote of Spinoza: "No philosopher was ever more worthy, but neither was any philosopher more maligned and hated." That Spinoza was an "object of scandal" to various religious creeds of his day often masks the fact that his early intellectual development was in mediaeval Judaism, and that later on his closest colleagues were radical Christians. The Spinoza Symposium aims to address the different ways Spinoza's philosophy identifies with the religious traditions with which he was involved.

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