

NORTH RYDE INFORMAL FELLOWSHIP*

"Seeking and Finding Fullness of Life beyond the Beliefs and Practices
of Formal Religion"

Since 1999 the Fellowship has offered compassionate support, personal affirmation, and stimulation of progressive thinking for those who, like some of us, are:-

- feeling disillusioned by various aspects of institutional religion,
- questioning literal interpretations of sacred writings and creeds,
- formulating an informed statement of belief,
- re-defining a purpose for Living and Being, and
- seeking a more fulfilling experience of worship.

For most of us, this has meant going outside or remaining outside the boundaries of a traditionally Christian congregation. We have been open to a fresh understanding of a Jesus of Nazareth who is different from us. not in kind, but in the quality of his hum^anness. We have decided that, for us, the Christian life is not about believing that Jesus was "sent" to die for the sins of the world, but about relating to God in the way that Jesus did, and about attributing untold worth to the same universal Spirit which he manifested and exemplified.

We want to be honest and real about our quest for spiritual reality, and learn how to cope with the doubts, tensions and anxieties which go with such a transforming faith adventure. In our studies and in our interaction with each other we are prepared to search for Truth, and for an experience of the Sacred, wherever and with whomsoever they may be discovered.