



GLADSTONE'S  
LIBRARY

Are you a member of Sea of Faith, or were you in the past? Contribute to the Sea of Faith Archive at Gladstone's Library, and to have your views recorded for the future.

In September 2024 Gladstone's Library will celebrate both forty years since *Sea of Faith* was first broadcast, and the global network it inspired.

Gladstone's Library has held records relating to Sea of Faith since Don Cupitt deposited it here in 2011. During the gathering we plan to exhibit items from the archive, reflecting the significant role played by letters generated by Don, the movement, as well as the television broadcast and subsequent debates.

However, there are a number of ethical considerations that will restrict what we can show:

- Data protection regulations mean that anonymizing everything is mandatory; this includes handwriting and all identifying information.
- Copyright law means that we cannot legally reproduce any item in the archive unless it's authored by Don Cupitt.

Due to these conditions there will be letters that embody the movement's thinking and ethos, but which we cannot display.

Our solution is to enrich and enhance what we can use with newly-written letters by anyone connected with the movement, past and present. If you are, or were, a Sea of Faith member, if you remember the programme, or you were influenced by the movement, then we want to hear from you.

If you contribute a letter, your letter will:

- Be part of an exhibition here at Gladstone's Library in September 2024
- Be held in a new companion archive: the 'Sea of Faith Legacy Collection'

*We may also use quotations from submitted letters as part of presentations during the weekend, but we will contact you first.*

**Deadline: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024.** See overleaf for details, and please contact [library@gladlib.org](mailto:library@gladlib.org) with any questions.

Guidelines for writing your letter:

- Please write in first person, e.g. ‘I first heard of the movement when...’
- Please include the following:
  - Some of your own background;
  - How you encountered the *Sea of Faith* television series at the time of broadcast;
  - What was it about *Sea of Faith* that attracted, stimulated, disturbed, or challenged you? Did it make you feel differently?
  - How did your encounter with the movement shape your life going forward?
- Please keep your letter to a maximum of 250 words in length.
- Please save your letter in Word/PDF format and send it as an email attachment to [library@gladlib.org](mailto:library@gladlib.org).

*Please return this form with your letter. Please delete Y/N below to indicate your consent, and sign at the bottom. We will accept e-signatures or typed names:*

I consent for my letter to be added to the ‘Sea of Faith Legacy’ series/sub-fonds/fonds of the archive. I understand that this will be held at Gladstone’s Library indefinitely and will be accessible on request for as long as it remains in the archive.	Y/N
I understand that my letter will be held in digital format by Gladstone’s Library.	Y/N
I consent for my letter to be used in an exhibition at Gladstone’s Library.	Y/N
I consent for my letter to be used as part of a discussion group at the <i>Sea of Faith</i> conference at Gladstone’s Library in September 2024.	Y/N