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Dear Fellow

The next meeting of the Society in 2024 will be held on Monday 26th February 2024 when The Reverend Professor Alasdair Coles PhD FRCP will speak on

**ECSTATIC EPILEPSY AND MYSTICISM:
DOSTOEVSKY AND NEUROTHEOLOGY**

Alasdair Coles is a neurologist in Cambridge, whose main interest is in the treatment of multiple sclerosis. For 23 years, he shepherded the development of alemtuzumab [Lemtrada] through trials until it was licensed in 2013. He now does trials of potential reparative [remyelinating] therapies in MS, as well as of immunotherapy of psychosis. He is also an ordained minister in the Church of England, and the Editor of a multi-author book on Neurology and Religion [CUP]. From this year, he is the Head of Department of Clinical Neuroscience in Cambridge.

Alasdair will describe “mystical seizures”, an unusual form of epilepsy, and the impact of they have on the religious life of those who experience them. The best descriptions of these come from the work of Dostoyevsky, which will be reviewed. Some remarks on the proper scientific study of religion will follow.

A Buffet Supper will precede the meeting at **6.45pm**. **The cost of the evening, to include the lecture and supper will be £42 per person for Fellows and Guests** If you wish to attend the supper please send your cheque to reach the Registrar at the above address by Thursday 22nd February 2024 accompanied by the attached slip. Coffee and biscuits will be served after the lecture. **Please note that we cannot usually accept orders for suppers after 12 noon on the Friday before a Monday meeting when we pass final numbers to the caterer. If you have booked and then do not attend, payment will still be required as the Society will be charged for your meal. If after Friday noon you decide you would like to attend, please telephone for a decision.**

Yours faithfully,

Honorary Secretaries
Dr Catherine Sarraf BSc PhD FRCPATH
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To the Registrar, 11 Chandos Street, London, W1G 9EB

I wish to attend the Buffet Supper on 26th February 2024 and enclose my cheque for myself and

.....guest(s) (**£42 PER PERSON**) (If you wish to pay by BACS Sort Code 20 36 88 Acc 00756741)
Please ensure you Surname and date of meeting as a reference and send an email to info@medsoclondon.org to confirm your booking)

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