



# EXPLORING CONSTELLATIONS

*A William Blake Virtual "Reading" Group*

DO YOU FIND BLAKE INTIMIDATING BUT WANT  
TO KNOW MORE?

Welcome to "Exploring Constellations" - two friendly, no pressure, no commitment, reading groups for those curious about William Blake!

Based at the University of York (UK), "Exploring Constellations" is a reading group that discusses both Blake's poetry and art in two groups that meet on alternate weeks:

\* **An Introduction to William Blake:** For those who would like to learn more about the poet-artist. Dip your toes into the strange, wonderful world of Blake! Suitable for anyone with any level of interest.

\* **Embracing the Urizenic Void:** This reading group takes a handful of plates from Blake's more challenging poems. Dissect the poetry and art on a greater level, and crowdsource/share your readings! Suitable for those with a more advanced understanding of Blake's work & the 18C.

Open to Postgraduate students on any course!

Join us on Zoom, **Fridays @ 3-4pm (UK Time)**

Email Sharon Choe ([sc1120@york.ac.uk](mailto:sc1120@york.ac.uk)) for access to links & sources



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Jerusalem, c.1821.  
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# AUTUMN/FALL 2020

## AN INTRODUCTION TO WILLIAM BLAKE

### Session 1: 25 Sep

*Songs of Innocence* (1789) – Frontispiece & Song 4, Introduction

### Session 2: 09 Oct

*Songs of Experience* (1794) – Frontispiece & Song 30, Introduction

### Session 3: 23 Oct

*Songs of Innocence* (1789) – Song 5, The Shepherd

### Session 4: 06 Nov

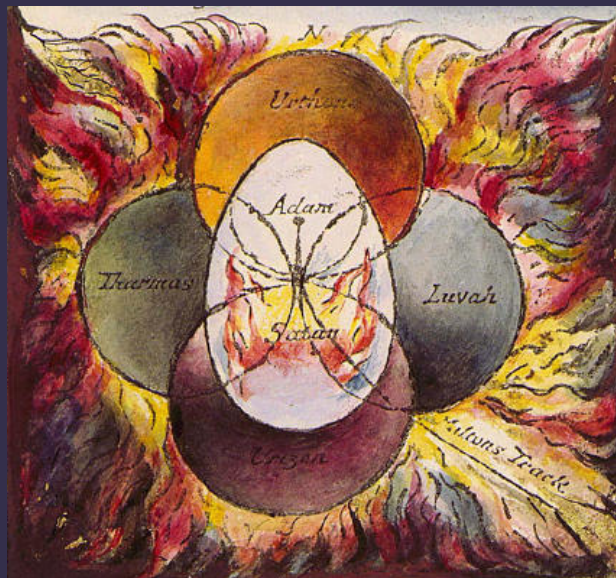
*Songs of Innocence* (1789) – Songs 6-7, The Echoing Green

### Session 5: 20 Nov

*Songs of Innocence* (1789) – Song 8, The Lamb

### Session 6: 04 Dec

*Songs of Experience* (1794) – Song 42, The Tyger



## EMBRACING THE URIZENIC VOID

### Session 1: 02 Oct

*The [First] Book of Urizen* (1794) – Frontispiece & Plates 2-4

### Session 2: 16 Oct

*The [First] Book of Urizen* (1794) – Plates 5-8

### Session 3: 30 Oct

*The [First] Book of Urizen* (1794) – Plates 10-11

### Session 4: 13 Nov

*The [First] Book of Urizen* (1794) – Plates 13-18

### Session 5: 27 Nov

*The [First] Book of Urizen* (1794) – Plates 19-20

### Session 6: 11 Dec

*The [First] Book of Urizen* (1794) – Plates 23-28