

Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, distinguished guests, staff, fellow graduates, family and friends...

I recently remembered a quote from *The Last Battle* by C.S. Lewis, describing a “world within world... Narnia within Narnia” where “The further up and the further in you go, the bigger everything gets. The inside is larger than the outside.”

This seems a lot like my experience studying theology. It has revealed an ever-expanding view of God, that has challenged my pre-conceptions, broadened my understanding of Christian faith and taught me a lot about context. It really has felt like the more I learn, the more I learn that there is more to learn.

I have realised that theology is not *just* theology. It incorporates everything. History, geography, science, art, philosophy, language... Theological vocabulary alone, is like a whole new language!

So, thank you to all the brilliant lecturers and staff at Uniting College for teaching and inspiring me in such a rich and extensive way. I only ever meant to stay for 12 months, but here I am four years later, still loving the learning.

I am graduating tonight with a Bachelor of Theology, but I don't think I will be finishing study any time soon! I am currently enrolled in the Graduate Certificate of Research Methodologies, which will hopefully lay the foundation for a potential PhD project. From a background in graphic design and advertising, my hope now is for the creative and the academic sides of me to find their place together.

I would like to conclude with a poem I wrote called:

***The 'Ologies'***

*Regarding the terminology  
to describe the methodology  
to systemise theology...  
Four whole years:  
the epistemology of God's ontology -  
through Christology and pneumatology,  
searching anthropology and cosmology,  
ecology, and ancient mythology.  
By way of analogy,  
typology.  
Psycho-sociology  
embracing ecclesiology  
with missiology  
for hopeful eschatology,  
soteriology.  
All for doxology.*

*Apologies, apologies,  
for citing all the 'ologies',  
for the wisdom to be learned  
(as the work is almost done)  
in summary, is just this one:  
Poetry.<sup>1</sup>*

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> Julie Martin, *The 'Ologies'*, September 2025.