

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.¹*

Thank you.

¹ Julie Martin, *The 'Ologies'*, September 2025.