

In Memoriam

CHAUNCEY DEPEW LEAKE

September 5, 1896–January 11, 1978

An enthusiastic member of Zygon's advisory board from its founding, this internationally famous pharmacologist devoted much effort to improving our understanding of human values and ethics. One of his specialties was the pharmacology of anesthesia. Being a wonderfully humane and energetic person, Chauncey Depew Leake overlaid his professional life in medicine with a number of contrapuntal activities including lectures and writings in ethics and human values. He was a naturalist in ethics as in pharmacology and already was writing in the affirmative about "a scientific approach to religion" in *Scientific Monthly* back in 1941. In 1950 the University of Austin Press published his well-known debates with Patrick Romanell, *Can We Agree?—A Scientist and a Philosopher Argue about Ethics*. In 1975 *Zygon* published his "Human Purpose, the Limbic System, and the Sense of Satisfaction." These are but some samples of his work relating to religion, ethics, and human values. His fundamental contributions to pharmacology were enriched also by a very active life in the administration and development of medical research and education, the promotion of the study of the humanities (history in particular), the administration and promotion of scientific enterprises such as this journal of religion and science, of which he was a buoyant booster.