

Announcement

RELIGION AND IDEOLOGY IN THE FUNCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF AGGRESSION AND COOPERATION IN BIOCULTURAL EVOLUTION

A symposium sponsored by the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

TIME: May 29, 1985, 9:00 A.M. (Wednesday)

PLACE: Los Angeles, California, Westin Bonaventure Hotel
in the San Gabriel Room C

This symposium continues with the progress made in two recent symposia at annual AAAS meetings in Washington and Detroit, which were entitled "The Function and Management of Aggression and Cooperation in Biocultural Evolution." Based on previous results, the following sets of questions will be addressed: (1) How is non-kin cooperation attained within human culture? What role do religious practices and ideology play in this process? To what extent does the emergence of deities allow for the transfer of kin relations to non-kin co-religionists? How does this process vary across culture? (2) By what processes do these non-kin cooperative cultures define their social and religious boundaries? How do the processes that form these boundaries vary? (3) What processes account for the strong resistance of a society's religious systems and ideologies to the erosion of social boundaries? What is the nature of the responses to loss of identity and boundaries in traditional and modern societies? (4) How do religious and secular ideologies contribute to inter-societal and intrasocietal aggression and warfare? How can the potential for aggression and warfare be reduced? (5) How can scientific knowledge concerning these problems contribute to the effective reduction of the potential for nuclear confrontation?

TOPICS AND SPEAKERS: "War and Peace Viewed from the Biocultural Evolution of Religion," RALPH W. BURHOE, emeritus professor of religion and science, Meadville/Lombard Theological School, Chicago, IL; "Cooperation and Conflict: The Role of Religion in War and Peace," SOLOMON H. KATZ, professor of anthropology, Krogman Growth Center, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; "Religion and Violence," ALICE B. KEHOE, professor of anthropology, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI; "The Transfer from Secular to Religious Leadership in Iran: Symbolism and Rhetoric in the Revolution," WILLIAM O. BEEMAN, associate professor of anthropology, Brown University, Providence, RI; "The Limitations of Institutionalized Religion in Speaking to Issues of Peace," ELISE BOULDING, professor of sociology, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.

DISCUSSANTS: KENNETH E. BOULDING, distinguished emeritus professor of economics, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO; WARD H. GOODENOUGH, professor of anthropology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

PROGRAM CO-CHAIRPERSONS: SOLOMON H. KATZ and KENNETH E. BOULDING.

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