

Announcement

GENDER BIAS: ITS REALITY AND EFFECTS IN RELIGION AND SCIENCE

INSTITUTE ON RELIGION IN AN AGE OF SCIENCE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

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Today our society as a whole, and the individuals within it, are experiencing fundamental change and uncertainty in the patterns of roles and relationships of men and women. At points, this turmoil is experienced as liberating breakthroughs in self-fulfillment and social reconstruction. At other points, the experience is that of confusion, dislocation, violence, and both personal and social disintegration. No one is untouched by these events.

This conference suggests that the phenomenon of gender is a fundamental component of what we are experiencing. It proceeds on the assumptions that, if we gain a deeper understanding (1) of what gender is and has been, (2) of what the function and meaning of gender are, and (3) of the reality and effects of gender bias, and if we focus on gender issues from the perspectives of religion and science, we can contribute significantly to our understanding of the current turmoil and lay the foundations for new and wholesome patterns of relationships between women and men.

Areas of exploration, each considered from scientific and religious perspectives, will include: societal roles; family; concepts of the self, world, and God; and evolutionary studies from neurobiology and cultural anthropology.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE: ALICE B. KEHOE, anthropology, Marquette University; JAY B. MCDANIEL, theology, Hendrix College; SUSAN THISTLETHWAITE, theology and culture, Chicago Theological Seminary.

CHAPLAIN: BARBARA WHITTAKER-JOHNS, Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst, Massachusetts.

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