

Announcements

GENDER BIAS: ITS REALITY AND EFFECTS IN RELIGION AND SCIENCE—CALL FOR PAPERS

INSTITUTE ON RELIGION IN AN AGE OF SCIENCE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

25 JULY-1 AUGUST 1987

STAR ISLAND in the ISLES OF SHOALS, off PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DESCRIPTION: Today our society as a whole and the individuals within it are experiencing fundamental change and uncertainty in the pattern of roles and relationships of men and women. Sometimes this turmoil is experienced as liberating breakthroughs in self-fulfillment and social reconstruction. At other times 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 assumption 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 CURRENTLY INCLUDE: MARGARET BENSTON, computing science, Simon Fraser University; DOROTHY CHENEY, primatology, University of Pennsylvania; URSULA GOODENOUGH, genetics, Washington University; ALICE B. KEHOE, anthropology, Marquette University; JAY B. MCDANIEL, theology, Hendrix College; GARY MIHALIK, psychiatry, Philadelphia; SUSAN THISTLETHWAITE, theology and culture, Chicago Theological Seminary; WINNIFRED TOMM, women's studies, University of Calgary.

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSONS: MARJORIE H. DAVIS, 30 Barn Door Hills Road, Granby, CT 06035; and PHILIP J. HEFNER, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60615.

WE WELCOME CONTRIBUTED PAPERS ON THE THEME. Five-hundred-word proposals should be submitted before 15 June 1987 to Philip Hefner. The proposal should include clear statements concerning: (1) the data on which the paper is based; (2) how gender comes into play within this field of data; (3) how the paper contributes to understanding and resolving the current dilemmas that women and men are experiencing in society.

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