

Announcements

Institute on Religion in an Age of Science
The Fortieth Annual Star Island Conference
Saturday, 31 July, to Saturday, 7 August, 1993

Charting Our Lives: Possibilities, Constraints, and Decisions

This conference focuses on our contemporary quest for ethical patterns that promote meaningful living for ourselves and others—in a world where new possibilities present themselves almost too rapidly to be integrated. We approach this quest from a particular perspective: How do we discern whether emerging new options are life giving or life destroying? How do we nourish the constraining elements from our past that are necessary for life and transform those elements that are destructive?

Emerging possibilities touch every area of life. We think of life-sustaining and life-terminating options; new possibilities for women, men, and family structure; the increasingly global scope of economic and cultural life; information technology and its impact on our work. The need to assimilate such changes has evoked such responses as warring ethnic factions, the “electronic cottage,” medical ethics dialogues, and the current “family values” debate.

The sciences cannot tell us how we should deal with these changes, but they can contribute to our understanding of the possibilities available to us, the costs and benefits of various options, and the constraints that limit our options. Important among those constraints are our human behavioral propensities—social, emotional, and moral; our values, ways of doing things, existing institutional arrangements, and material infrastructures. Some of these constraints can be altered; others cannot.

Many of these struggles raise old issues concerning the rights and requirements of the individual and the community. Religions for millennia have wrestled with these issues, and their contributions are integral to the discussion.

EVENTS AND TOPICS

Some presentations will focus on new developments in medicine, family, work, globalization and popular culture; others on resources

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from the sciences and from religious and cultural heritages. Participants will have the opportunity to approach the theme through case studies.

Registration fees: IRAS member adult, \$100; nonmember adult, \$120; registration plus new IRAS membership, \$150; registration plus new joint IRAS membership (two adults), \$255; young people between 5 and 16, \$60, including youth program; children under 5, free or, with optional child-care program, \$60. Student scholarships are available. Fees less 20% are refundable if registration is canceled before 1 June 1993. Room and board are payable on the island.

Registration forms and further information are available from:
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Annual Meeting
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
11-16 February 1993
Marriott and Hynes Convention Center, Boston

The following symposia, in the Science and Religion Track and other tracks, will be of interest to *Zygon* readers:

Friday, 12 February

8:30-11:30 a.m., 2:30-5:30 p.m. "Knowledge Worth Having in the Decade of the Brain." H. Rodney Holmes, University of Chicago, organizer.

8:30-11:30 a.m., 2:30-5:30 p.m. "Ethical and Religious Dimensions of Genetic Science and Medicine." J. Robert Nelson, Texas Medical Center, organizer.

Saturday, 13 February

8:30-11:30 a.m. "What Is Life: Origin and Evolution." Cyril Ponnamperuma, University of Maryland, and Lynn Margulis, University of Massachusetts, organizers.

12:00-2:15 p.m. "The New Anti-Evolutionism." Eugenie Scott, National Center for Science Education, Inc., organizer.

2:30-5:30 p.m. "Scientific Resources for a Global Religious Myth." Loyal Rue, Luther College, and Ursula Goodenough, Washington University, organizers.

Sunday, 14 February

8:30-11:30 a.m. "The Religious Significance of Big Bang Cosmology." Robert John Russell, Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, Graduate Theological Union, organizer.

2:30-5:30 p.m. "Oil and Water? Institutional Interactions between Science and Religion." James Miller, United Campus Ministry of Pittsburgh, organizer.

Monday, 15 February

8:30-11:30 a.m., 2:30-5:30 p.m. "Models of Biocultural Evolution: Understanding Human Social and Moral Development." Philip Hefner, Chicago Center for Religion and Science, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, William Irons, Northwestern University, and Solomon Katz, University of Pennsylvania, organizers.

Program information is available from the AAAS Meetings Office, Suite 750, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. Phone (202) 326-6461, fax (202) 289-4021.

Audrey Chapman, Director of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Program and an IRAS member, is interested in receiving proposals for the 1994 Science and Religion Track. You are welcome to contact her at the AAAS, Room 1010B or by phone (202) 326-6790.

<p style="text-align: center;">IRAS Banquet Saturday, 13 February AAAS Annual Meeting Speaker: Dr. Stephen J. Gould, Harvard University For reservations call: Dr. Nancy Houk home: (313) 668-8662 work: (313) 764-3436</p>

Loyola University of Chicago and Loyola University Press have scheduled publication of volumes IV through VII in their joint Values and Ethics Series. For 1992-93 the publication schedule includes works on the narrative theology of St. Teresa of Avila; abortion based on prenatal diagnosis; antinomies of social theory; and the burdens of distributive justice.

Interested authors in humanities, history, philosophy, theology, law, education, political science, sociology, medicine, and the helping professions, etc., should send letters of inquiry, CV, outline of the manuscript, Table of Contents, etc., to:

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