

Announcements

INSTITUTE ON RELIGION IN AN AGE OF SCIENCE

The Forty-Third Annual Star Island Conference

Saturday, 27 July to Saturday, 3 August 1996

The Epic of Evolution

Exposure to the theory of evolution has changed the way people think.

The concept of evolution, best known for its application to biology, has been modified to apply to the dynamics of the universe, the planet, human culture, and individual human development. The emerging narrative of cosmic evolution has the potential both to unify the sciences and to generate an elegant thesis of the origin, nature, and destiny of the universe and human existence.

This conference will examine aspects of the evolution of matter, life, and consciousness/culture, and will explore the broader implications of the narrative of cosmic evolution. The conference will be organized around two central questions:

- What is the epic of cosmic evolution?
- What are its implications for religious, moral, and aesthetic domains of human experience?

Participants will consider whether our scientific understanding of the epic of cosmic evolution provides for radically new religious orientations or yet another challenge to revitalize traditional religions.

CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRPERSONS: Ursula Goodenough (Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.) and Loyal Rue (Luther College, Decorah, Ia.)

SPEAKERS: Loyal Rue (Luther College), Joel Primack (University of California, Santa Cruz), Michael Wyssession (Washington University, St. Louis), William Orme-Johnson (MIT), Ursula Goodenough (Washington University, St. Louis), Terrence Deacon (Boston University), Jane Goodale (Bryn Mawr College), Eric Chaisson (Tufts University), Philip Hefner (Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago), Gordon Kaufman (Harvard University), Rosemary Radford Ruether (Garrett Theological Seminary).

CHAPEL LEADER: Brian Swimme (California Institute for Integral Studies)

PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: A professionally designed curriculum of fun activities for Preschool — Grade 9 during the adult program will make this an outstanding family conference.

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FEES: \$100 for adults (17 and over); up to age 16, \$60, including children's program; children under 5 not enrolled in program are free. IRAS members who register before March 10, or adults who have applied for membership by **March 10, 1996**, receive a \$15 discount. Annual dues, including a subscription to *Zygon*, are \$60 for individuals; \$65 for couples, (both of whom receive discounts). Student scholarships are available. (Room and board are payable separately on the island, approximately \$275 per adult, \$170 per child under 12.)

Contact for registration form and information:

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IRAS
The Institute on Religion in an Age of Science

Purpose—IRAS is an independent society of scientists, philosophers, religion scholars, theologians, and others who want to understand the role of religion in our dynamic scientific world.

Activities—Each year IRAS holds a week-long conference on Star Island, 10 miles off the coast of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Topics are selected to be relevant to current scientific thinking and to fundamental religious questions. (IRAS members pay a reduced rate for conference registration.)

IRAS organizes events at the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion (AAR) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). IRAS has sponsored more than 250 meetings at universities, colleges, and theological schools.

Publications—*Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, *IRAS Newsletter*, and *Science & Spirit*. IRAS members receive subscriptions to these three publications free of additional charge.

Special Relationships—Affiliated Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); Member, Council of Societies for the Study of Religion (CSSR).

Membership Dues

\$60.00 Individual Member

\$65.00 Joint Member (two memberships but one set of publications)

\$40.00 Student Member (requires copy of student ID)

\$110.00 Institutional Member (supports IRAS's work: \$54.00 is tax deductible)

Overseas members are assessed a surcharge to cover mailing costs.

Invitation to Join—If you are in accord with the purposes of IRAS and would like to become a member, please submit an application to the IRAS Council, which reviews and votes on applications at biannual meetings in February and July. For an application write to:

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