

Announcements

SOCIETY FOR THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF RELIGION

20TH ANNUAL MEETING

The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion will hold its twentieth-anniversary meeting on October 24–26, 1969, in Boston, where it was founded. The theme of the meeting to be held at the Somerset Hotel is "The Intersection of Social Science and Religion: Taking Stock." Papers at the meeting will review "what have been" and "what need to be" the patterns of intersection between social science and religion.

Thematic sessions will discuss:

1. "Religious Commitment: Identifying and Measuring the Religious Variable" (Dr. Paul Pruyser of the Menninger Foundation, chairman);
2. "Religion and Social Policy: Impact or Impotence?" (Dr. Henry Clark of the Department of Religion, Duke University, chairman);
3. "Religion in Various Socio-Cultural Settings" (Dr. Gillian Gollin of the Department of Sociology, American University, chairman); and
4. "Religion as Organization: The Dynamics of Bureaucratized Faith" (Dr. Gibson Winter of the Divinity School, University of Chicago, chairman).

Two special events will mark the meeting. On Friday afternoon, October 24, there will be a Presidential Session at which past presidents of the Society will speak. Charles Y. Glock, currently the president of the Society, will end the session with an address. On Saturday evening, October 25, the Society will meet at a joint session with the American Academy of Religion.

In another meeting in Boston in December 1969, the Society will meet jointly, as it did last December, with the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

THE BROSS PRIZE FOR A MANUSCRIPT ON SCIENCE AND RELIGION

The decennial Bross Prize, consisting of \$7,500, will be awarded at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois, on or before November 30, 1970, to the author of the best unpublished book or treatise "on the connection, relation, and mutual bearing of any practical science, or the history of our race, or the facts in any department of knowledge, with and upon the Christian religion." Any phase of science, of literature, of human history, or of modern life that may throw light upon the Christian religion, or upon any of its aspects, as it is received by the great body of Christian believers, is a fitting theme for a book or treatise offered in the competition.

The following regulations govern the competition for the Prize:

1. Three typewritten or printed copies of each manuscript, accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the writer's name, must be submitted on or before November 30, 1970 to: The Bross Foundation, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

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2. Books by foreign authors must be presented in English translation.
 3. The copyright of the book to which the Prize is awarded shall be the property of the trustees of Lake Forest College.
 4. Manuscripts must have a minimum length of 50,000 words (maximum length not prescribed).
 5. If any writer desires to submit more than one book in competition for the Prize, he may do so.
 6. Manuscripts in printed form are allowed, provided that they have not been published. Material already published shall be used only in case it is a small portion of a projected work which shall be developed into a larger or broader treatise, or some pamphlet containing the germ of a larger work expanded into a treatise, for the purpose of the competition.
- Prospective authors of books, deemed eligible for the Bross Prize, who might otherwise expect to publish such books close to November 1970, may send in the proof sheets of such books for the competition, provided that the proof sheets be anonymous, that the books remain unpublished until the award is made, and that the author arrange with his prospective publisher to transfer the copyright to the trustees of Lake Forest College in the event of his book receiving the Prize.
7. The decision as to the eligibility of any book shall rest with the committee of judges.

The Bross Prize is named after William Bross, one of a group of pioneer Chicago churchmen and businessmen who founded Lake Forest College. In 1879 Bross entered into an agreement with the trustees of Lake Forest College whereby there was transferred to the trustees a fund, the income of which was to accumulate in perpetuity for successive periods of ten years, the accumulation of one decade to be spent in the following decade, for the purpose of stimulating the production of the best books or treatises on the relationship of any discipline and the Christian religion.