

*Announcements
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1. The further details on the IRAS October 23-24 Symposium on *The Human Prospect, Heilbroner's Challenge to Religion and Science*, promised for September by the earlier announcement in the June *Zygon*, have been mailed in September to all subscribers in advance of the delayed issue.

2. *The IRAS 1975 Star Island Conference* will be held July 26 to August 2 in the Isles of Shoals, off Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The conference theme has been announced as *Genetics, Evolution, and Ethics* by the Program Chairman, Dr. Hudson Hoagland, President Emeritus of the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology. Among the problems that will be considered by speakers, special respondents, and conference members generally during the six days will be: If genetic factors insure inequalities in the wherewithal with which men begin life, what are the implications for ethics and the institutions that enculturate notions of right and wrong? What can be the current meaning of such philosophical convictions as "all men are created equal"? What are the virtues of individual uniqueness or inequalities? To what extent can we and should we seek to overcome biologically given differences or inequalities—for instance, in proneness to disease or to high or low I.Q.—by means of our powers to change our phenotypes, our genotypes, and our environments? Are there limits to such powers? To what extent can men determine their destiny in the context of genetic and cultural evolution? Registration forms for the IRAS Star Island Conference will be issued with the December *Zygon* or may be requested from the IRAS office, 1524 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637.

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3. *Local and regional meetings of IRAS* for papers and discussions seeking to relate religion and science in positive ways are arranged from time to time through local committees appointed by the Council. Persons wishing to be notified of these meetings will automatically receive notification through IRAS newsletters if they are members. Persons wishing to become a member, to participate, to present papers, or to develop such meetings may indicate their proposals to the Secretary of IRAS, 1524 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637.

4. The termination of institutional *support for Zygon's editorial office* expenses has made urgent the need for contributions to the *Zygon Fund* of IRAS. Persons concerned with the continuation and advancement of this journal are urged by the President and Council of IRAS to send tax-deductible contributions or to help in finding longer-range underwriting of the journal. Contributions to, or inquiries about, this fund may be sent to: IRAS Treasurer, 1524 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637.

5. One significant form of support for *Zygon* is a one-year gift subscription to persons who might thus be introduced to *Zygon* and find it significant to continue the subscription on their own. Many have suggested that *Zygon's* circulation would be much greater if it were more widely known, and that a doubling or tripling of the circulation might provide revenues to cover all its costs. Gift subscription forms will be sent to you in October.