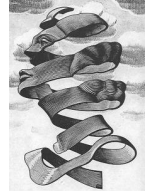


ADVANCED SEMINAR IN RELIGION AND SCIENCE 2010

SCIENCE EXPLORES THE INNER SELF



Chaired by Philip Hefner and Lea F. Schweitz

Monday Evenings 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM, February 1 through May 3, 2010

Common Room 350, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60615

Scientific research is moving decisively into the area of the “inner self”—including emotions, morality, love, sociality, and the workings of the mind. This domain has traditionally been at the heart of religion, spirituality, and psychological counseling. Now the sciences enter as collaborators in exploring the inner self—cognitive science, neuroscience, genetics, and others. What are we to make of this new partnership? The seminar will examine this development and its significance, particularly for religion and theology, from the following perspectives:

- Representative examples of scientific research
- Assessment of the scope of this scientific work and its prospects in the future
- Theological and philosophical significance of this research
- Examples of theological thinking that take the scientific research into account

Offered by the Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), the Advanced Seminar in Religion and Science is designed as a research seminar for faculty, students, and other professionals. It will include guest lecturers from the fields of science, ethics, philosophy, and theology as well as presentations and responses by seminar participants. The seminar is open to students in all degree programs; the requirements will be adjusted upwards for the most advanced students. Course credit is available via registration through the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) or cross-registration through member schools of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS); the course number is LSTC T-672. For more information about ZCRS, please visit www.zygoncenter.org, email zcrs@lstc.edu, or call 773-256-0670.

February 1 (6:30 PM)	Issues and Questions in the Exploration of the Inner Self Philip Hefner and Lea F. Schweitz, <i>theology, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago</i>
February 8 (6:30 PM)	Human Nature and the Need for Social Connection John Cacioppo, <i>cognitive neuroscience, University of Chicago</i>
February 15 (6:30 PM)	What We Can Learn from Infants: Perspectives from Developmental Psychology Susan Hespous, <i>developmental psychology, Northwestern University</i>
February 22 (6:30 PM)	A Role for Genetics in Behavior? Gayle Woloschak, <i>molecular biology, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine</i>
March 1	No Seminar (Reading Week at LSTC)
March 8 (6:30 PM)	Moral Inwardness Reconsidered William Schweiker, <i>theology/ethics, University of Chicago</i>
March 15 (6:30 PM)	Causes in a World of Reasons: Or, What Can fMRI Scans Tell Us About How to Live? Benjamin Callard, <i>philosophy, University of Chicago</i>
March 22 (6:30 PM)	Embedded Religiosity: The Extended Mind and Religious Behaviors Mladen Turk, <i>theology, Elmhurst College</i>
March 29	No Seminar (Holy Week at LSTC)
April 5 (6:30 PM)	Donna Haraway: When Species Meet, Self is Re-defined Ann Pederson, <i>theology, Augustana College, Sioux Falls</i>
April 12 (6:30 PM)	Emotions, Ethics, and Transcendent Values Gregory Peterson, <i>theology/philosophy, South Dakota State University</i>
April 19 (6:30 PM)	Neurophenomenology Considers Religious Ways of Knowing Anne Benvenuti, <i>theology/psychology, University of Chicago/Georgetown University Medical School</i> Barbara Stafford, <i>art history/neuroesthetics, University of Chicago</i>
April 26 (6:30 PM)	Religion, the New Moral Psychology, and the Inner Self Don Browning, <i>religious studies/psychology, University of Chicago</i>
May 3 (6:30 PM)	Conclusions and Reflections Philip Hefner and Lea F. Schweitz, <i>theology, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago</i>

About the Advanced Seminar

Since 1965, an advanced seminar on religion in the context of the sciences has been offered for faculty, students, and professionals in the Chicago area. The seminar was founded by Ralph Wendell Burhoe under the auspices of the Center for Advanced Study in Religion and Science (CASIRAS) and Meadville/Lombard Theological School. CASIRAS traces its origins to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, of which Burhoe was Executive Officer. In 1970, CASIRAS affiliated with the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS). In the 1970s, Philip Hefner, Professor of Systematic Theology at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC), joined Burhoe in directing the seminar. In 1988, the Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS) was founded by LSTC and CASIRAS and began sponsoring the Advanced Seminar. From this tradition, the Advanced Seminar takes its shape as a multidisciplinary network of persons seeking to understand how the sciences and the religions engage each other and to interpret the fundamental issues that are posed in this engagement. The goal is to gain insight into the import of the sciences for the critical function of religion in its role as a cultural vehicle of ultimate values and concerns.

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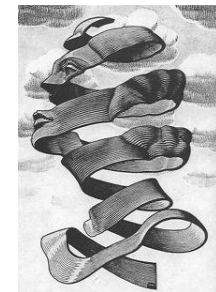
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