

Controversial catholic theologian Hans Kung to speak at UCSD March 15

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PROMINENT THEOLOGIAN HANS KUNG TO SPEAK AT UCSD MARCH 15

Controversial Catholic theologian Hans Kung will speak on the timely topic, "No Peace Among Nations Without Peace Among the Religions" at 8 p.m. March 15 in the Price Center ballroom at the University of California, San Diego.

His visit is sponsored by the Eugene M. Burke C.S.P. Lectureship on Religion and Society and highlights the opening of the new Religious Studies Program at UCSD. There is no admission charge for the lecture.

One of the most noted Catholic theologians living today, Kung, who teaches at the University of Tubingen in Germany, has known widespread acclaim as well as controversy for his prolific writings on a broad range of topics affecting Christianity. Most prominent of his book titles is "On Being a Christian," published in 1976. In the 1980's much of his study related to world religions and ecumenism and book titles such as "Christianity and the World Religions" reflect this interest. Kung's latest book is "Reforming the Church Today." In his writings he attempts to present the basics of Christianity to ordinary people in a language they can understand.

According to Kung, the time has come to realize that the world is not centered in one location or in a single true religion. If we extend the ecumenism of the Second Vatican Council to include not only the Christian religions but all religions, Kung argues, the world's churches could, in fact, act in concert as positive forces for achieving peace. Kung urges restraint in all arenas to avoid the tragedy of war.

The Burke Lectures focus on the functions and responsibilities of religion in society and its role in shaping social and moral values. The lectureship is endowed in honor of Eugene M. Burke, a Catholic priest of the Paulist Order, who was closely associated with UCSD until his death in 1984.

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