

Conference on science and religion to be held Jan. 31 at UCSD

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A conference on science and religion, Human Selves and Transcendent Experiences: A Dialogue between Science and Religion, will be held Jan. 31 in Conference Room 111A at the University of California, San Diego.

The event is sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation, the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) and the UCSD Religious Studies Program.

Peter M. Hess, western regional director for the John Templeton Foundation, and Michael J. McClymond, a lecturer in the UCSD Religious Studies Program, will welcome participants and give introductory remarks.

The opening session, The Person in Neuroscience, Theology, and Philosophy, will include presentations by V.S. Ramachandran, psychology professor and director of the Brain and Perception Laboratory at UCSD; Nancy Murphy, philosophy professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, and Philip Clayton, philosophy professor at Sonoma State University.

Ramachandran will speak on God and the Temporal Lobes of the Brain beginning at 9:20 a.m. and Murphy on Neuro-Science and the Soul at 10:30 a.m. Following lunch, Clayton will speak at 12:30 p.m. on Supervenience and Mental Causation: An Emergentist Account of the Self.

The final session, Interpretations of Religious Experience, will include presentations by Raymond Paloutzian, psychology professor at Westmont College; McClymond, and a concluding panel of all participants.

Paloutzian will speak on Religious Consciousness? Psychological Research on Ordinary and Extraordinary Experiences and McClymond on Religious Visions in 3-D: Supernaturalistic, Psychological, and Neuroscientific Explanations. Their talks will be from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m., followed by the panel overview.

The conference is open to the public. Registration is \$15.

The John Templeton Foundation, based in Radnor, Pa., was established in 1987 to encourage the discovery and use of scientific evidence to reveal knowledge about God and the natural laws that govern the universe. It funds more than 40 projects, studies, award programs and publications around the world.

CTNS, based in Berkeley, is a non-profit international organization founded in 1981 to focus on the relation of contemporary physics, cosmology, technology and evolutionary and molecular biology to Christian theology and ethics.

For further information on the conference call McClymond at 534-8941.

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