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Science and Religion: Are They Compatible?

Many religionists believe they are; skeptics and secular humanists often deny this claim. These issues will be debated pro and con.

You're invited to what may just be the most provocative conference you will ever attend—the Center for Inquiry's first International Conference. This revolutionary conference will be the first to call on the resources of both the Council for Secular Humanism and the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. The theme—"Science and Religion: Are They Compatible?"—has allowed us to bring together some of the most distinguished, most fascinating speakers in the world.

For only \$149 (we're holding the line on costs), you can come to Atlanta and hear thought-provoking talks on hotly debated topics including:

- ✓ Evolutionary Biology and Religious Belief
- ✓ Near-Death Experiences
- ✓ The Medical Effects of Prayer at a Distance
- ✓ Intelligent Design

- ✓ New Cosmologies and Religion
- ✓ Spiritualism and Science
- **✓** Existence of Souls
- ✓ African Americans: Religion and Science
- **✓** Islam and Science

Also featured: meetings on local groups and grassroots activism—plus an entertaining and astonishing presentation by nationally known physicist and showman David G. Willey.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, 8 November

7:00 P.M.

Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal Fellows Dinner —by invitation only—Barry Karr, Chair.

Friday, 9 November

9:00 A.M. to 10:15

Opening Forum: "Science and Religion: Are They Compatible?: Setting the Stage." Chair: Paul Kurtz. Panelists: Michael J. Behe, Vern Bullough, and Massimo Pigliucci.

10:30 to Noon Do Souls Exist?

Patricia Smith Churchland and Jerome W. Elbert. Kendrick Frazier, chair.

Noon to 2:00 P.M.

Lunch

Paul Kurtz, Kendrick Frazier, Tom Flynn, Arthur Urrows, and James Kimberly: The Campaign for Reason, \$25.

2:00 to 3:25

Evolutionary Biology and Religious Belief Susan J. Blackmore and Steven Pinker. Eugenie C. Scott, chair.

3:35 to 5:00

Prayer at a Distance: Medically Effective? Gary P. Posner and Hector Avalos.

Ray Hyman, chair.

FRIDAY EVENING
Dinner on your own.

7:00

Humanist Academy Dinner in honor of Laureates of the International Academy of Humanism—by invitation only.

Saturday, 10th November

9:00 A.M. to NOON Intelligent Design

Michael J. Behe, Eugenie C. Scott, Massimo Pigliucci, and Matthew Young. Quentin Smith, chair.

Noon to 2 P.M.

Lunch Banquet: Address by Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka. Jan Loeb Eisler, chair. \$25

Concurrent Sessions

2:00 to 5:00

Near Death Experiences

Antony Flew, James E. Alcock, Raymond Moody, and Karl Jansen.

2:00 to 5:00

Spiritualism and Science

Joe Nickell, Gary E. Schwartz, and Ray Hyman. Susan Blackmore, chair.

6:00 to 7:00 Reception/cocktails

7:00 to 9:00

Saturday Banquet

David G. Willey and International Awards

Sunday, 11 November

9:00 A.M. to NOON

New Cosmologies and Religion Owen Gingerich, Victor J. Stenger, Adolf Grünbaum, and Quentin Smith.

Austin Dacey, chair.

Noon to 1:30 P.M. Lunch on your own.

Concurrent Sessions

1:30 to 2:55

African Americans, Religion, and Science Norm Allen, Jr. and Wole Soyinka. Vern Bullough, chair.

1:30 to 5:00

Local Skeptics/CSICOP
Group Leaders meeting

Bela Scheiber, Barry Karr, and Amanda Chesworth.

Concurrent Sessions

3:05 to 5:00

Science and the Islamic World

Tariq Ismail, Pervez Hoodbhoy, and Taner Edis. Roy W. Brown, chair.

3:05 to 5:00

Local Council for Secular Humanism and Campus Freethought Alliance Group Leaders meeting; Edward M. Buckner, chair; also D J Grothe, Austin Dacey, Katherine Bourdonnay.

Biographical Notes



James E. Alcock is professor of psychology at York University, Toronto; Fellow, CSICOP



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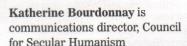
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Michael J. Behe is associate professor of biology at Lehigh University; author of *Darwin's* Black Box



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Patricia Smith Churchland is professor of philosophy, University of California—San Diego; author, The Mind-Brain Continuum and Neurophilosophy and The Computational Brain; Humanist Laureate



Austin Dacey is executive editor, Philo; Coordinator, Campus Freethought Alliance

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Tom Flynn is editor of Free Inquiry; author, Galactic Rapture



Kendrick Frazier is editor, Skeptical Inquirer; editor, Encounter with the Paranormal and other books.



Owen Gingerich is senior astronomer, Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory; professor of astronomy and of the history of science, Harvard University

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Ray Hyman is professor of psychology emeritus, University of Oregon; Fellow, CSICOP

Tariq Ismail is a noted Islamic scholar



Karl L. R. Jansen is a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists; an expert on ketamine



Barry Karr is executive director of the Center for Inquiry and CSICOP



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Paul Kurtz is professor emeritus of Philosophy, State University of New York at Buffalo; Chairman, Center for Inquiry; author, Skepticism and Humanism: The New Paradigm and other books.



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Massimo Pigliucci is associate professor of ecology and Evolution, University of Tennessee; author, Tales of the Rational and of Phenotypic Evolution



Steven Pinker is director of the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience, MIT; author, The Language Instinct and How the Mind Works



Gary P. Posner is a medical doctor; founder, Tampa Bay Skeptics



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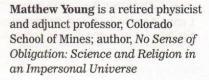
Wole Soyinka is the winner of the 1986 Nobel Prize for Literature and Laureate; Humanist Laureate



David G. Willey is a physicist, a nationally known entertainer, and "resident mad scientist" on The Tonight Show



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