Announcement

GENDER BIAS: ITS REALITY AND EFFECTS IN RELIGION AND SCIENCE

INSTITUTE ON RELIGION IN AN AGE OF SCIENCE
THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE
JULY 25-AUGUST 1, 1987
STAR ISLAND IN THE ISLES OF SHOALS, OFF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Today our society as a whole, and the individuals within it, are experiencing fundamental change and uncertainty in the patterns of roles and relationships of men and women. At points, this turmoil is experienced as liberating breakthroughs in self-fulfillment and social reconstruction. At other points, the experience is that of confusion, dislocation, violence, and both personal and social disintegration. No one is untouched by these events.

This conference suggests that the phenomenon of gender is a fundamental component of what we are experiencing. It proceeds on the assumptions that, if we gain a deeper understanding (1) of what gender is and has been, (2) of what the function and meaning of gender are, and (3) of the reality and effects of gender bias, and if we focus on gender issues from the perspectives of religion and science, we can contribute significantly to our understanding of the current turmoil and lay the foundations for new and wholesome patterns of relationships between women and men.

Areas of exploration, each considered from scientific and religious perspectives, will include: societal roles; family; concepts of the self, world, and God; and evolutionary studies from neurobiology and cultural anthropology.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE: Alice B. Kehoe, anthropology, Marquette University; Jay B. McDaniel, theology, Hendrix College; Susan Thistlethwaite, theology and culture, Chicago Theological Seminary.

CHAPLAIN: Barbara Whittaker-Johns, Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst, Massachusetts.

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSONS: Marjorie H. Davis, 30 Barn Door Hills Road, Granby, CT 06035; and Philip J. Hefner, Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60615.

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR: Edward F. Rutledge, Department of Psychology, New England College.

REGISTRATION: Please fill out the form on the next page and mail it with the appropriate registration fee—payable to IRAS—to:

Mrs. Bonnie Falla, Registrar
810 1/2 North 9th Street
Allentown, PA 18102
(215) 432-8711

Additional registration forms are available from the Registrar, or legible copies of this form are acceptable.
Registration Fees: Husband and wife, $165. Singles over 20, $90. Children between 12 and 20, $60. Children under 12, $50. Fees (less 20 percent) are refundable if registration is cancelled before June 1.

Registering in January or February by all conferees is advisable because accommodations are limited to 200. Room and board, provided at about $210 per adult for the week, will be payable on the island.

REGISTRATION FORM
1987 STAR ISLAND CONFERENCE
INSTITUTE ON RELIGION IN AN AGE OF SCIENCE

Please print or type.

Title, Name  Age  Sex  Meal Choice (see below)

Name(s) of family member(s) accompanying you  Age  Sex  Meal Choice (see below)

Street and number  City  State  Zip  Telephone

Vocation or grade entering Fall 1987  Religious affiliation (if any)

Previous attendance at an IRAS conference: if so, when ____________________________________________

Previous attendance at any Star Island conference? ____________________________________________

Room preference: single (few available) ____ ; 2 in room ____ ; 3-4 in room ____

Please indicate any health problem that may require special attention: include names, specific medical conditions, allergies, continuing medications, etc.

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Meals are served family style; the kitchen is not able to handle individual diets, but several options are available if indicated at time of registration. Meal options are: A. Regular (includes meat, fish, and poultry); B. Veggie with poultry/fish; C. Veggie with fish; D. Veggie only; E. Salt-free food; F. Supplemental protein. Please indicate meal choice above by letter. Name, address, and phone of person (not on Star Island) to be contacted in an emergency:

Name ________________________________ Home Phone ______

Address ________________________________ Business Phone ______

I plan to arrive at the Island on Saturday, July 25, on the boat leaving Portsmouth at: 2:00 P.M. _____, 6:00 P.M. _____, and leave on Saturday, August 1 on the 8:40 A.M. boat.

Signature ________________________________ Date ____________________