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THE RHODES-MEMPHIS COLLOQUIUM ON RELIGION AND SCIENCE



The Rhodes-Memphis Colloquium on Religion and Science announces a series of public lectures during 2005-06. All lectures are free and open to the public.

The Rhodes-Memphis Colloquium on Religion and Science, which is made possible by grants from the Metanexus Institute of Philadelphia and Rhodes College, seeks to convene local academics in science and religion, professional pastoral and medical practitioners, and laypersons with an interest in the dialogue between religion and science.

The Colloquium welcomes anyone with a professional or personal interest in the religion/science dialogue to its major events for 2005-06.

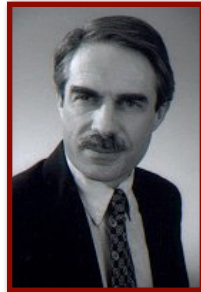
STEM CELL RESEARCH AND THE ETHICS OF GENETIC ENGINEERING

Sunday, October 2, 7:00 p.m.

Idlewild Presbyterian Church, 1750 Union Avenue, Memphis
901-726-4681

PROF. RON COLE-TURNER,
theologian and ethicist, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Ronald Cole-Turner, M.Div., Ph.D., an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, holds the H. Parker Sharp Chair of Theology and Ethics, at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, a position that relates theology to developments in science and technology. His research focuses on genetics and biotechnology, particularly as they affect the meaning and the future of human life. His publications include *The New Genesis* (1993), *Pastoral Genetics* (co-authored, 1996), *Human Cloning: Religious Responses* (ed., 1997), *Beyond Cloning* (ed., 2001), and *God and the Embryo* (co-edited, 2003), as well as numerous articles and chapters in books.



Formerly professor of theology at Memphis Theological Seminary, Prof. Cole-Turner has lectured on campuses across the United States and in other parts of the world, most recently in eastern Europe. He has appeared on television, radio, and is often quoted in newspaper articles on religion and biotechnology.

INTELLIGENT DESIGN: SCIENCE OR RELIGION?

Sunday, January 22, 7:00 p.m.

Idlewild Presbyterian Church, 1750 Union Avenue, Memphis
901-726-4681

DR. S. BRIAN STRATTON,
professor of religion and philosophy, Alma College

Born and reared in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky, Brian Stratton came to Alma College from Pikeville College (B.A.) and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div. and



Ph.D.). At Alma, he holds a joint appointment in the Religious Studies and Philosophy Departments and currently serves as Chair in Religious Studies. He teaches an annual course in Religion and Science, his area of academic expertise. He is the author of *Coherence, Consonance, and Conversation: The Interaction of Theology, Philosophy, and Natural Science in the Quest for a Unified World-View* (2000).

WHY GOD WON'T GO AWAY: BRAIN SCIENCE AND THE BIOLOGY OF BELIEF

Sunday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.

Idlewild Presbyterian Church, 1750 Union Avenue, Memphis
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DR. ANDREW NEWBERG,
University of Pennsylvania

Andrew Newberg, MD, is Director of Clinical Nuclear Medicine, Director of NeuroPET Research, and Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He is Board-certified in Internal Medicine, Nuclear Medicine, and Nuclear Cardiology.



Dr. Newberg conducts research in brain function and neuroimaging, specifically high-tech investigation of the brains of meditating Buddhists and Franciscan nuns at prayer. Illuminating the chain of neurological events that are triggered by intensely focused spiritual contemplation, Dr. Newberg places these objectively observed phenomenon side-by-side with our ineradicable drive to make myths, proposing that the religious impulse is coded into the biology of our brains. While neuroscience can neither confirm nor dispute the existence of God, it can help us understand why God will not go away so easily.

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