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\*\*\*UTHSCD to host dialogue on science and religion  
with Nobel laureates, noted theologians.

DALLAS--The University of Texas Health Science Center campus will be the scene of an unusual effort to establish a discourse between science and religion: Four Nobel laureates and two distinguished theologians from Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology will present a series of lectures from Nov. 6 through Jan. 29.

The Isthmus Institute is joined by the Department of Psychiatry and the Division of Continuing Education at the health science center in sponsoring the lectures.

The first presentation will be Nov. 6 by Dr. Ilya Prigogine, recipient of the 1977 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. The scientist has received wide attention for his theory of dissipative structures that seem to modify concepts of the Second Law of Thermodynamics.

Prigogine, who teaches at The University of Texas and the Universite Libre de Bruxelles, will present "The New Dialogue of Man With Nature," followed by a response by and dialogue with Dr. Schubert M. Ogden. Ogden is professor of Theology at both SMU and the University of Chicago. His primary interests are in the areas of systematic and philosophical theology, and he is the author of The Reality of God, The Point of Christology and other well known theological writings. Some of Prigogine's ideas have been popularized recently by Marilyn Ferguson's book The Aquarian Conspiracy.

Dec. 3 Dr. Roger Sperry, 1981 winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine/Physiology, will speak on "Changed Concepts of Brain and Consciousness." Sperry's Nobel-winning work was for his delineation of the functions of both hemispheres of the brain. Since 1954 he has been Hixon Professor of Psychobiology at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena. Sperry is on the editorial advisory boards of Experimental Neurology, Experimental Brain Research, Neuropsychologia, The International Journal of Neuroscience, Behavioral Biology and Zygon.

Responding to Sperry's presentation and joining him in a dialogue will be Dr. Brian Josephson, 1973 winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics, and Dr. Albert Outler, distinguished Methodist theologian, ecumenist and delegated Protestant observer at Vatican Council II.

Josephson's Nobel was awarded for the scientist's pioneering research in superconductivity. He is a professor of Physics at the University of Cambridge and Professorial Fellow of Trinity College there. The researcher's earlier work was in physics, including predicting theoretically supercurrents through insulating barriers. Josephson then turned to problems involving the mind with particular interests in general problems of intelligence, language, meditation and higher states of consciousness and psychic phenomena. He is co-editor of the book Consciousness and the Physical World.

Outler, who is professor emeritus at Perkins, has a life-long interest in religion, psychology and the human sciences. He is a historian of Christian thought with special focus on John Wesley and the 18th century.

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Dec. 4 Josephson will give his presentation on "Science and Religion: How to Make the Synthesis?" Responding will be Sperry, and joining Josephson for discussion will be Sperry and Outler.

The presentation Jan. 29 will be by Sir John Eccles on "Voluntary Movement, Free Will and Moral Responsibility." Sir John received the 1963 Nobel Prize in Medicine/Physiology. Eccles has held many positions of honor and is an international consultant. The scientist, who has published more than 19 books, resides in Switzerland. His book, The Human Mystery, published in 1979, was the outgrowth of his Gifford Lectureship in Natural Theology at the University of Edinburgh.

Responding to Sir John's presentation will be Outler. Then the scientist and the theologian will hold a dialogue.

There will be time for dialogues with the audience at the end of each session.

All sessions for the new series will be in Gooch Auditorium. The Nov. 6 meeting will be from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. Then participants will go to SMU's Kirby Hall for a dialogue with students at 3 p.m. The Dec. 3 meeting will be an evening meeting from 7:30 till 10 p.m. The Dec. 4 session will be from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m., and the Jan. 29 program will be from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Admission is \$20 per session and \$60 for the series. There is a special price for students, teachers, ministers and retired persons of \$10 a session or \$35 for the series.

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