

# Institute on Religion in an Age of Science - IRAS

*The Thirty-first Annual Summer Conference*

Saturday 28 July to Saturday 4 August 1984

**RECENT DISCOVERIES IN NEUROBIOLOGY - DO THEY MATTER FOR  
RELIGION, THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND THE HUMANITIES?**

A leading anthropologist has said, "Certainly the 80's will be the Decade of the Brain." The purpose of this conference is to draw a picture of just what the leading discoveries in the area of neurobiology (brain research) are and to explore their wider significance. The central question is how these discoveries throw light on the whole range of ways in which human beings structure reality and existence. Such structurings that will receive special attention are religious myth, moral systems, C. G. Jung's archetypes, other cognitive patterings, ritual. Do these foundational ways of structuring have a neurobiological base and, if so, how do they evolve?

At present, the following have accepted invitations to speak:

Victor Turner (*Anthropology, Univ. of Virginia*)

Anthony Stevens (*Psychiatry, London*)

Eugene d'Aquili (*Anthropology/Psychiatry, Univ. of Pennsylvania*)

Solomon Katz (*Anthropology, Univ. of Pennsylvania*)

Robert Moore (*Religion and Psychological Studies, Chicago Theological Seminary*)

Mordechai Rotenberg (*Psychiatry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem*)

Colwyn Trevarthen (*Psychobiology, Univ. of Edinburgh*)

*Chaplain:* Don S. Browning (Religion and Psychological Studies, Univ. of Chicago).

*Program Chairs:* Victor Turner and Philip Hefner

*Conference Coordinator:* Edward F. Rutledge

IRAS is an interdisciplinary and multid denominational society of scientists and religious thinkers accompanied by others from business and the various professions.

*Registrar:* Please mail registration-and fee to:

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*Registration Fees:* Husband and wife, \$110; Individuals over 20. \$60; Children 12-20. \$40; Children under 12, \$35. Registration fees, less 20% are refundable if request for cancellation is received before June 1.

*Room and Board:* see RATES for 7 Day Conferences.

*Round trip boat fare:* \$6.00 and \$4.00 (under 12 years)