

# Institute on Religion in an Age of Science - IRAS

*The Thirty-Second Annual Star Island Summer Conference*  
Saturday 27 July to Saturday 3 August 1985

IRAS is an interdisciplinary and multifaith society of pioneering scientists and religious thinkers together with interested persons from business and various professions. This year the topic is:

## CAN A SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGION AID THE PROCESSES OF WORLD PEACE?

We apply IRAS's decades of interpreting religion in the light of the sciences to a critical problem for the salvation of humanity: How can religions of the world join to be effective for peace in an atomic age? This problem was a prime concern of both Lyman Rutledge's Conference on the Coming Great Church and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Committee on Science and Values, members of which united in 1954 to form IRAS.

Speakers will address the following questions: What roles do religions play in the origin and maintenance of cooperation in historically large societies? Are secular ideologies as effective in attaining large-scale cooperation?

Do secular and religious ideologies differ in their formation and maintenance of social identity and boundaries? How have these processes changed in modern times?

How do secular and religious ideologies contribute to inter- and intra-societal aggression and warfare?

What does knowledge of these processes imply, if religion is to extend intra-societal cooperation in today's world?

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*Conference Coordinator:* Edward F. Rutledge

*Chaplain:* Donald Szanthy Harrington

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*Registration Fees:* Husband and wife, \$165; Individuals over 20, \$90; Children 12-20, \$60; Children under 12, \$52. 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 (under 12 years: \$4.00).