

# Institute on Religion in an Age of Science - IRAS

*The Thirty-third Annual Star Island Summer Conference*  
Saturday 26 July to Saturday 2 August 1986

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:

## FREE WILL: IS IT POSSIBLE AND IS IT DESIRABLE?

IRAS seeks to bring to bear contemporary natural and social scientific knowledge as well as historical and contemporary philosophical and theological insights on questions concerning the possibility and desirability of free will. Questions include: (1) What are the historical and contemporary meanings of terms such as *free will*, *freedom*, *self-determination*, and *determinism*? Are some terms more useful today than others? (2) To what extent is it possible for a person to make his or her own decisions? (3) What role, if any, does freedom or something like freedom play in the evolution or creation of the universe, and what are the consequences for evolution, if any, of the exercise of free will? (4) In what circumstances and to what extent is free will desirable and undesirable for the individual and society? (5) Under what conditions do people relinquish or assert the exercise of free will or self-determination?

*Speakers include:* Brian Calvert, early western philosophy, University of Guelph; Jerre Levy, biopsychology, University of Chicago; Roy D. Morrison II, philosophy of religion and science, Wesley Theological Seminary; Louis Poj-man, moral philosophy, University of Mississippi; Michael Ruse (paper co-authored by Edward O. Wilson), philosophy of biology, University of Guelph; Robert C. Sorensen, sociology and marketing, Rider College; and Robert Wilken, history of Western religious thought, University of Virginia. *Other fields are expected to include* physics, psychiatry, law, economics, politics, advertising, and consumer behavior.

*Program Chairs:* Karl E. Peters and Robert C. Sorensen  
*Conference Coordinator:* Edward F. Rutledge  
*Chaplain:* Ken Swanson

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*Registration Fees:* Husband and wife, \$165. Singles over 20, \$90. Children between 12 and 20, \$60. Children under 12, \$50. Fees, less 20% are refundable if registration is cancelled before June 1.

*Room and Board:* See RATES for 7-day Conferences.

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