

Institute on Religion in an Age of Science - IRAS

The Thirty-fourth Annual Star Island Summer Conference
Saturday 25 July to Saturday 1 August 1987

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:

GENDER BIAS: ITS REALITY AND EFFECTS IN RELIGION AND SCIENCE

Today our society as a whole, and the individuals within it, are experiencing fundamental change and uncertainty in the patterns of roles and relationships of men and women. At points, this turmoil is experienced as liberating breakthroughs in self-fulfillment and social reconstruction. At other points, the experience is that of confusion, dislocation, violence, and both personal and social disintegration. No one is untouched by these events.

This conference suggests that the phenomenon of gender is a fundamental component of what we are experiencing. It proceeds on the assumptions that if we gain a deeper understanding (1) of what gender is and has been, (2) of what the function and meaning of gender are, and (3) of the reality and effects of gender bias, and if we focus on gender issues from the perspectives of religion and science, we can contribute significantly to our understanding of the current turmoil and lay the foundations for new and wholesome patterns of relationships between women and men.

Areas of exploration, each considered from scientific and religious perspectives, will include: societal roles, family, concepts of the self, world and God, and evolutionary studies from neurobiology and cultural anthropology.

Speakers include: Alice Kehoe, anthropology, Marquette University; Susan Thistlethwaite, theology, Chicago Theological Seminary; and Jay McDaniel, theology, Hendrix College.

Program Chairs: Marjorie H. Davis and Philip J. Hefner

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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)