Higher Purpose Forum: Andrew Wilson on Rev. Moon's Early Writings on Science - William Lay, Respondent

James Edgerly
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Presentation & Discussion Series

Unity of Science, Spirituality & Religion Series

Next Tuesday
May 7 @ 7:00 PM EST via ZOOM
(Registration Required)
Co-Hosted with
HJ International Graduate School (formerly UTS)

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Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Early Writings on Science

Presenter:

Dr. Andrew Wilson

Professor of Scriptural Studies
HJI Graduate School

Respondent :

William Lay, Esq.

Adjunct Professor,
HJI Graduate School

ZOOM Registration Link

Dear

We invite you to join us next Tuesday (May 7) for the fifth session in our series titled: **"The Unity of Science, Spirituality and Religion."** We are pleased to once again have Dr. Andrew Wilson as our speaker. He is a faculty member of the HJ International Graduate School.

Rev. Moon's (as yet unpublished) first manuscript of Divine Principle (titled Wolli Wonbon), which he wrote in 1951-52, devotes more than 100 pages to science. Topics range from astronomy to evolution, from electro-magnetism to animal behavior to psychology.

In the background of Wolli Wonbon is Rev. Moon's own life experience, first as a student of electrical engineering at a school connected to Waseda University in Japan, and then as a prisoner in the Heungnam Prison Camp in North Korea where he was subjected to many hours of indoctrination in Marxist dialectical materialism. At the start of his ministry, Rev. Moon saw a need to put forward "the Principle", as both a rigorous counterproposal to dialectical ideologies and a worldview that could be the basis for working towards a future of peace and harmony.

In his presentation, Dr. Wilson will cover just a few aspects of the Principle's treatment of scientific topics as conveyed in the Wolli Wonbon. These will include: elemental forces of gravity and electromagnetism, planetary motion, incandescent color, and applications to human psychology.

The Higher Purpose Forum extends special appreciation and acknowledgement to **Henry Christopher** who was the initiator of this important series.

Sincerely,
James Edgerly
Director, Higher Purpose Forum

Presenter

Dr. Andrew Wilson

Dr. Wilson's scholarly books and papers cover diverse topics ranging from religion and peace to character education to the theory of the spirit world. Wilson's efforts on behalf of inter-religious harmony led him to write *World Scripture: A Comparative Anthology of Sacred Texts*, which has become a standard work of interfaith scholarship and a resource for interfaith worship. He contributed his interfaith scholarship to writing a second volume of *World Scripture* that includes a broad selection of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's words, adopted as one of the eight official textbooks of Unificationism.

Dr. Wilson joined the faculty of UTS in 1985. He is Professor of Scriptural Studies and Director of Scriptural Research. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Harvard University, a Masters in Theology from the Harvard Divinity School, a PhD from Harvard University, and a Doctorate in Religious Education from the Unification Theological Seminary.

Respondent

William Lay

Adjunct Professor, HJ International Graduate School. William was formerly the Director of the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Bridgeport. He is a graduate of Columbia Law School and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry.

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Upcoming HPF Meetings

Tues. May 21
Unity of Science, Spirituality & Religion
Title: *Science in the Consciousness of God*
Presenter: Alison Wakelin, Assistant Teaching Professor of Physics and Astronomy, Widener University

Thurs. June 6
Justice and Economic Democracy
Title: *Understanding the Catholic View on Social Justice*
Presenter: Michael Greaney, Secretary of the Center for Economic & Social Justice
Respondent: Dr. Thomas J. Walsh, President HJ International Graduate School of Peace and Public Leadership.

Tues. June 18
Race & Providence in America
Title: *God's Dream: Building A Racially-Integrated Society (Part II)*
Presenters: Christine Edwards & Jeffrey Kingsley
Respondent: TBD

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