Relating Man in the Image of God to the Health Sciences— Theological, Scientific, and Clinical Implications

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Christian Medical Society P.O. Box 830689 Richardson, TX 75083 American Scientific Affiliation P.O. Box J Ipswich, MA 01938 Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to invite you to attend a CMS/ASA sponsored symposium on the implications of one's understanding of *Imago Dei* for both modern biomedical technology and patient care. This conference will be held from noontime on Thursday, June 2, to noon-time on Sunday, June 5, 1988 at Gordon College on Boston's North Shore.

Some have argued that the question of defining human personhood is the central issue in modern bioethics. Others view this debate as both dangerous and irrelevant to clinical cases. That man in the genders of male and female has been created in the very image and likeness of God is the clear revelation of Holy Scripture and the rich affirmation of Christian theology. While the grandeur of *Imago Dei* guarantees our unique role in all creation, having tasted of the forbidden fruit has banished us to a moral coexistence with the realms of good and evil.

In our moral predicament, the mind is constantly being stretched to match Biblical principles with contemporary issues.

* How does an understanding of *Imago Dei* clarify or resolve the debate over human personhood parameters?

* Does a proper understanding of *Imago Dei* forbid certain kinds of biomedical research?

* How does a Christian in our health care system properly care for the medically disadvantaged or disabled?

* Does a proper understanding of the uniqueness of each person guarantee competent patient care?

Since attendance is limited, we urge you to register as soon as possible.

SPEAKERS' ROSTER

Keynote Theological Address:

Carl F. H. Henry, Th.D., Ph.D. (Founding Editor-<u>Christianity Today)</u>

Keynote Scientific Address:

V. Elving Anderson, Ph.D. (Dight Institute of Genetics University of Minnesota)

Keynote Philosophical Address:

E. David Cook, Ph.D. (Oxford University, England)

Keynote Public Policy Address:

James W. Skillen, Ph.D. (Association for Public Justice Washington, D.C.)

THEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Human Personhood Begins at Conceptio	n: (Boston College)
Human Personhood Develops During Gestation:	Gareth Jones, Ph.D. (University of Otago Medical School, New Zealand)
Old Testament Perspectives:	Bruce Waltke, Ph.D. (Westminster Theological Seminary)
New Testament Perspectives:	John Jefferson Davis, Ph.D. (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary)
Anthropological Perspectives:	James Oliver Buswell, Ph.D. (William Carey International University)

BIOETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Ethical Perspectives	s: Arthur Dyck, Ph.D. (Harvard Divinity School)
Neurophysiological	C. Daniel Geisler, Sc.D.
Perspectives:	(University of Wisconsin)
Behavioral	Armand M. Nicholi, Jr., M.D.
Perspectives:	(Harvard Medical School)
Legal Perspectives:	Edward Larson, Ph.D. (University of Georgia)

CLINICAL CONSIDERATIONS (Workshops)

Implications for:

Reproduction Research:

Genetic Engineering:

Abortion:

Infanticide:

The Retarded:

The Malnourished:

Human Rights:

The Terminally Ill:

Public Policy:

Spiritual Care in the Office:

Spiritual Care in the Hospital:

Human Sexuality:

Reproductive Technology:

ICU Technology:

AIDS Patients:

The Elderly:

Dental Practice:

V. Elving Anderson, Ph.D. (Dight Institute of Genetics University of Minnesota) Robert L. Herrmann, Ph.D.

(Gordon College and American Scientific Affiliation)

J. Richard Sosnowski, M.D. (Medical University of South Carolina)

> Arthur Dyck, Ph.D. (Harvard Divinity School)

David F. Allen, M.D. (National Drug Council of the Bahamas)

Gretchen Berggren, M.D. (Harvard Center for Population Studies)

Tomuo Hoshiko, Ph.D. (Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio)

William C. Wood, M.D. (Harvard Medical School)

James W. Skillen, Ph.D. (Association for Public Justice, Washington, D.C.)

> George R. Simms, M.D. (Hershey Medical Center/ Penn State)

Frederick P. Zuspan, M.D. (Ohio State University Medical School)

Lewis P. Bird, Ph.D. (Christian Medical Society Staff)

> Thomas E. Elkins, M.D. (University of Michigan Medical School)

David L. Scheidermayer, M.D. (Center for the Study of Bioethics University of Wisconsin)

> Robert G. Sharrar, M.D. (Philadelphia Department of Public Health)

Rob Roy MacGregor, M.D. (University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine)

Fred C. Bergamo, D.D.S. (General Practice of Dentistry) David S. Topazian, D.D.S. (Yale Medical School)

IMAGO DEI SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVES

1) To explore the contemporary debate over human personhood in the light of the Biblical/theological understanding of Man created as male and female in the image of God.

2) To examine the ethical principles and landmark legal precedents which have shaped current debate over various clinical issues related to human personhood considerations.

3) To discuss the implications of modern biomedical technology for maintaining a continuing respect for the sanctity and dignity of the patient.

4) To relate the unique features of *Imago Dei* in each patient to specific clinical cases.

5) To provide guidelines for the management of difficult cases and to encourage respect for the patient's essential personhood as a child of God.

Physician Certification

The University of Louisville School of Medicine Office of Continuing Medical Education designates this continuing medical education activity for 19 credit hours in Category I of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

Accreditation

The University of Louisville School of Medicine Office of Continuing Medical Education is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Send registration form and check to: American Scientific Affiliation; P.O. Box J; Ipswich, MA 01938 (Make check payable to American Scientific Affiliation)

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Gordon College is located 20 miles north of Boston, alongside of Route 128 in Wenham, Massachusetts.

SCHEDULE

The symposium will begin with registration from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, and conclude with the Sunday noon meal, June 5. A full daily schedule will be sent to each registrant upon receipt of fees or upon request.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Registrants will be housed in Ferrin and Bromiley Halls.

MEALS

All meals are included in the fees and include a mixer, a banquet and a cookout.

TRAVEL

If your travel will be by car or train, directions will be sent. If you are flying to Boston's Logan airport, a modest fee will be charged for our shuttle service.

COST

Fees are listed on the registration form.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE April 1, 1988

(\$25 penalty for late registrations)

CANCELLATION POLICY A full refund (minus \$25 handling fee) will be provided until May 15, 1988.