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### NAPTS BANQUET

The annual banquet of the North American Paul Tillich Society will take place on Friday evening, November 16, 2001.

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Place:** The Imperial Chinese Restaurant  
431 South Broadway  
Denver, Colorado

The cost of the dinner is \$45 (including tax and tip).

**Presiding:** Young-Ho Chun

President of the NAPTS

**Speaker:** George Tavard

Professor of Theology Emeritus

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

*Tillich's View of Ecumenism*

The 2001 Paul Tillich Prize for the Best Student  
Paper

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For those who reserve a place at the banquet, payment must be made to the treasurer on the day of the banquet.

*All reservations must be received by Monday, November 12, 2001.*

### PROGRAM OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

**Friday Afternoon, November 16, 2001**

**1:30 PM – 5:40 PM**

Adams Mark Hotel (ADM), Governor's Square 15  
[AM 23 (Additional Meeting 23) in the AAR/SBL  
Program Book]

**1:30** *Religion in the New Millennium*

Ronald MacLennan, Bethany College  
*Presiding*

Panel Discussion: *Religion in the New Millennium:  
Theology in the Spirit of Tillich*

(Papers from the 1999 International Conference, New Harmony, Indiana) Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2001.

Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Seminary

*Introduction*

Frederick J. Parrella, Santa Clara University

*An Emerging Spirituality*

Raymond Bulman, St. John's University, NY

*The New Shape of Theology*

Mary Ann Stenger, University of Louisville

*Whither Theology of Culture?*

**2:40 Theme: Postmodernity, Pluralism, and Tillich**

John Thatamanil, Millsaps College

*Presiding*

Duane Olson, McKendree College

*Tillich's Theory of Religion: Resource for Critical Pluralism*

Jörg Eickhoff, University of Bonn

*New Being in Christ: Tillich's "Revelation" in Pluralistic Postmodern Interreligious Encounter*

**3:55 Theme: Theology of Culture**

Robert Scharlemann, University of Virginia

*Presiding*

Ronald Stone, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

*Ontology of Power in Niebuhr, Morgenthau, and Tillich*

Russell Manning, Cambridge University

*Theology of Culture after Post-Colonialism*

Peter Haigis, University of Heidelberg

*Tillich and the Post-Modern Debate on Culture*

**Friday Evening, November 16, 2001**

**7:30 PM – 10:30 PM**

North American Paul Tillich Society

Annual Banquet

[AM 42]

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Denver, Colorado

Presiding: Young-Ho Chun, President of the North American Paul Tillich Society, St. Paul School of Theology

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Please make reservations. See the information above.

**Saturday Morning, November 17, 2001**

**7:00 AM – 8:30 AM**

[AM 49]

ADM Governors Square 9

North American Paul Tillich Society Breakfast

Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Saturday Morning, November 17, 2001**

**9:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

Colorado Convention Center (C3) Room C205

[AM 76]

Note: In the AAR/ SBL Program Book, page 172, AM 76, the details for this session were inadvertently placed under the board meeting on page 169, AM 49.

**9:00 Theology of Nature: Evolution, Environment, Eschatology**

Michael Drummy, Longmont, Colorado

*Presiding*

John Haught, Georgetown University

*In Search of a God for Evolution: Tillich and Teilhard*

Michael Drummy

*A Response*

Richard Grigg, Sacred Heart University

*Religion, Science, and Evolution: Tillich's  
Fourth Way*

**10:20 Theology of Nature: Soteriology and  
Universal Love**

Robison James, University of Richmond  
*Presiding*

Karin Grau, University of Frankfurt  
*Salvation as Cosmic Healing in Tillich*

Pan Chiu Lai, Chinese University of Hong Kong  
*Tillich's Theology of Nature and Confucian-  
Christian Dialogue*

**Sunday Afternoon (Midday), November 18**

**11:45 AM – 12:45 PM**

Colorado Convention Center (C3), A206  
[AM 143]

Business Meeting of the North American  
Paul Tillich Society

**Monday Afternoon (Midday), November 19**

**11:45 AM – 12:45 PM** [AM 215]

Colorado Convention Center (C3) Room C103

**Tillich at the Intersection of Religion, Psychology,  
and the Care of Souls**

Lon Weaver, University of Pittsburgh  
*Presiding*

Britt-Mari Sykes, University of Ottawa  
*Bridging Psychology and Religion: Viktor  
Frank's Existential Psychology and Tillich's Re-  
ligious Philosophy*

Uwe Scharf, Duke University Medical Center  
*Tillich and Pastoral Care: From a Theologian  
Turned Clinical Pastoral Educator*

*For questions about the program, please contact:*  
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Registration information for the AAR/SBL and  
Housing information for those who are coming to  
the annual meeting of the North American Paul Til-  
lich Society in conjunction with the AAR/SBL in  
Denver, November 16 and 17, 2001 is as follows:

- Registration and Housing Forms are available  
online at <http://www.aarweb.org>.
- You may also contact the following agency:  
Annual Meeting Registration and Housing  
c/o Windham Jade  
6400 International Parkway, Suite 2500  
Plano, TX 75093  
Telephone (available 24 hours):  
1.888.447.2321 (United States and Canada)  
1.972.349.7434 (Outside the USA and Canada)

**NAPTS DUES FOR 2001**

A gentle reminder: the annual dues of the North  
American Paul Tillich Society were payable with the  
reception of the summer Newsletter. In order to keep  
administrative and mailing costs down, the treasurer  
does not send out reminder notices. Send your remit-  
tance to the secretary-treasurer and make any  
changes in your address, telephone, or Email.

\$30 Regular Membership

\$10 Graduate Student Membership (please  
list school affiliation)

\$40 Joint Membership with the Deutsche-  
Paul-Tillich-Gesellschaft.

Dues may also be given to the Secretary-  
Treasurer at the meeting in Denver

**NEW PUBLICATIONS ON TILlich**

De Mey, Peter. "‘Métaphysique de l’histoire’ versus  
‘métaphysique théonome’: le parcours commun  
de Troeltsch et du premier Tillich." *Laval  
théologique et philosophique* 56 (2000): 471-  
487.

Eduardo R. Cruz. "Paul Tillich's Realistic Stance  
Toward the Vital Trends of Nature." *Zygon:  
Journal of Religion and Science* (36/2 (June  
2001): 327-334.

Eduardo R. Cruz. "The Demonic for the Twenty-  
first Century." *Currents in Theology and Mis-  
sion* 28/3-4 (June/August 2001): 420-428.

**HOUSING AND REGISTRATION IN DENVER**

**REPORT ON THE 14TH INTERNATIONAL  
MEETING OF THE FRENCH-SPEAKING PAUL  
TILlich SOCIETY (ASSOCIATION PAUL  
TILlich D'EXPRESSION FRANÇAISE)**

Every other year the members of the French-Speaking Tillich Society (Association Paul Tillich d'Expression Française or APTF) meet for a general assembly and an international meeting in different cities of the French-speaking European countries. This year, between May 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, the conference was held in beautiful Marseilles on the Mediterranean Sea. The city is a center of tourism as well as the center of African and Muslim immigration to France.

More than 50 scholars from all over Europe, as well as Brazil and North America, assembled to discuss issues dealing with the shift from modernity to postmodernity and inter-religious dialogue. The general theme of the meeting was "Religions and Modernity: Roots and Changes."

The opening of the conference was a public lecture given by Claude Geffré (Paris/Jerusalem) on Thursday evening, May 17. Geffré's paper, "Modernity: A Challenge for Christianity and Islam," received great deal of interest from the Marseilles population, especially from representatives of the large Muslim community in Marseilles who contributed to the lively discussion following the lecture.

The participants of the conference, mainly members of one of the Tillich societies, then met for a first dinner which was served, as all other meals during the conference, in the rooms of the conference center, "Centre diocésain de Mistral." The center is situated in a quiet side-road off the Marseilles city center. The *centre diocésain* also hosted the participants for all the meetings that began Friday morning with a first session with Théo Junker (Luxembourg) presiding. Anne-Marie Reijnen (Brussels, Belgium) first presented her paper on "Migrations Breed New Cultures: Emigration in Tillich's Life Work," followed by Doris Lax's paper, "The Roots of Faith and the Problem of Changes in the Cultural Role(s) of Christianity." The third paper was given by Etienne Higuët (Sao Paulo, Brazil) on the question "Recent Developments of Catholicism in Brazil: Return to the Catholic Substance?" Martin Leiner's (Neuchâtel, Switzerland) ideas on "Modernity, Myth, and History" ended the first morning's papers.

Lunch and a break followed. The participants enjoyed themselves while discussing and chatting in the early summer sunshine of the conference center's yard. The second session, with Marc Boss (Montpellier, France) presiding, started with Jean Richard's (Québec, Canada) "Theses for a Pluralistic Theology of Religion." This was followed by Jaci Maraschin (Sao Bernardo di Campo, Brazil) on "Religion and Postmodernity: Ways of Expression of the Holy," and Baudouin Décharneux on "Paul Tillich's View of the Classical Origins of Christianity." Before Pierre Gisel's (Lausanne, Switzerland) paper on "Protestant Theology and the First World War: Which Relations?" ended the afternoon session, participants listened to and discussed Bernard Hort's "The Problem of The Devil Today."

After dinner the members of the society met again for their general assembly. As the preliminary information-bulletin had already announced, there were several changes to be expected, since the secretary, Jeanne Massini, the treasurer, Jean-Paul Gabus, as well as the president Théo Junker were no longer available for re-election. Both Théo Junker and Jean-Paul Gabus closed their general accounts of the society's work and financial situation with a review of their long periods of service to the society on the board of directors. Théo Junker expressed his gratitude to Marc Boss, Anne-Marie Reijnen, André Gounelle, and many others for their service on the board as well as with the planning and organization of several meetings. He also extended his personal greetings and gratitude for long-lasting friendships with the former Secretary Treasurer of the NAPTS, Bob Scharlemann, the current Secretary Treasurer, Fred Parrella, and several members of the German society, to mention but a few. Jean-Paul Gabus took the opportunity to express all the APTF's members' gratitude to Théo Junker whose 22 years of serving as the president of the French-speaking society have largely contributed to shaping the society.

Elections of the new board of directors had the following result: Marc Boss was elected President, Anne-Marie Reijnen Vice President, Emanuel Tonniutt, Treasurer, and Douglas Nelson (an American living and working near Paris), Secretary. The other three members of the board are André Gounelle, Jeanne Massini, and Jean Richard. The society's current and future projects include translations of Tillich's 1913 *Systematic Theology*, other works writ-

ten between 1913 and 1933, and the biography written by Renate Albrecht and Werner Schüßler.

Thanks to the general editors of the series of "Tillich-Studien" and the German Lit-Verlag, the proceedings of the Marseilles conference will soon be published (edited by Marc Boss, Doris Lax, and Jean Richard) as another volume of the "Tillich-Studien Series" (the series now includes German, English, and French publications).

Saturday morning the participants all gathered again for two parallel sections: One of the groups was presented with papers on "Political Romance: An Item of Discussion between P. Tillich, C. Schmidt, and E. Hirsch" by Tabea Rösler (Heidelberg, Germany), and "The Notion of Progress in Tillich" by André Gounelle (Montpellier, France). The second group heard Christophe Boureux (Lille, France) on "Tillich's model of Religion and Culture, and the Quasi-Religion of the Market," and Pierre-Brunel on "Reason and Revelation." For the concluding paper of the morning, Théo Junker's "Tillich's Reading of Religious and Political Islam," the two groups came together again.

After lunch and a short break, the final two papers of the day were presented by Hans-Christoph Askani (Paris) who proposed some basic ideas on the possibility of inter-religious dialogue in his paper "Each religion is the Only True One," and by Denis Muller (Lausanne, Switzerland) on "Beyond Morality and the Kairos of Singular Plurality. Postmodern Changes in Ethics and Religions." The rest of the afternoon and the evening could be enjoyed with a little sight-seeing tour in the harbor area of Marseilles, organized by Jean-Marc Aveline (Marseilles), and dinner in small groups in one of the many restaurants of downtown Marseilles.

The conference was closed with another three papers on Sunday morning. Jörg Eickhoff (Bonn, Germany) considered "Many Religions for Many Worlds? Religious Particularism and Universal Vision in Tillich and P. Knitter." Robison James (Richmond, Virginia) presented his paper on "Tillich's Position on the Absoluteness of Christianity. Elements of Reconsidering the Scheme Exclusivism-Inclusivism-Pluralism." Finally, Bernard Reymond (Lausanne, Switzerland) presented some general reflections summarizing the whole conference.

Once again, this meeting of the French-speaking Paul Tillich Society challenged with a multitude of insights, ideas, and interpretations of Tillich's work

applied to contemporary discussions on postmodernity and inter-religious dialogue. It was a wonderful experience of international exchange and friendship among Tillich-scholars, as well as an experience of growing European unification—for example the vivid, easy-going mixture of the three languages of French, German, and English spoken throughout the conference. Most of all, the open-heartedness and hospitality of our hosts and organizers of the conference, the old and new board of directors, as well as all members of the APTF made this meeting in Marseilles a wonderful experience and great success.

The meeting concluded with a warm welcome to the newly elected board of directors and a wish for their success in their work for international Tillich scholarship. Finally, thanks were offered to former president Théo Junker and to all who contributed to the Marseilles meeting for their work and devotion as well as their friendship that many of us have experienced.

*(Editor's note: This report was written by Doris Lax for Kairos, the publication of the Deutsche-Paul-Tillich-Gesellschaft. The editor is grateful to Doris Lax for making the report available in English.)*



#### REVIEW

**Michael F. Drummy**

*Nature, Man and God According to Paul Tillich*  
Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2000.

**C. Eugene Stollings**

Michael F. Drummy has written a personal and very useful scholarly study of yet another area of Tillich's philosophical theology: the concept of nature and its implications as part of the whole system of Tillich's thought. The depth and range of Tillich's lifetime achievement continues to show its power and relevance in the present.

Drummy, deeply concerned with the advance of a serious ecological crisis, finds in Tillich's works a most helpful resource. That the crisis is deepening seems clear. In 1967, I recall preaching a sermon, inspired by Aldo Leopold's *Sand County Almanac*, entitled "An Ecological Conscience." A fellow minister, seeing the title on the bulletin board, inquired "What the hell is an ecological conscience?" Times have indeed changed.

After a Prolegomena, Drummy plunges into the Protestant problematic, treating the vexing historical problem of Western civilization's view of nature. In the back of my mind from 1967 was Lynn White's article, "The Historical Roots of Our Ecological Crisis," and the subsequent complaint against Christianity made by a good friend on that basis. Tillich, likewise, is very critical of Christian theology and the impact of the Enlightenment. He is more favorably inclined toward a romantic view of nature. For him, modern thought has remained too anthropocentric in both theology and technology to develop a proper view of nature and being. A brief chapter, "Nature and Method in Tillich's Life and Work," recounts Tillich's well-known lifelong love of the natural world and its implications for his theology of nature.

The heart of the book is Drummy's chapter called "Paul Tillich's Theology of Nature." Drummy develops the place of sacramental thinking in Tillich's writings, relating it to the loss of the experience of nature. In my mind, I hear the distant echoes of the beautiful book by William Temple, *Nature, Man and God*, especially chapter 19, "A Sacramental Universe." He continues with an exposition of Tillich's concept, not of levels, but the multidimensional unity of life, enabling the human person to be embedded in nature. Finally, he explores the fulfillment of all things in an "eschatological pan-en-theism."

In his chapter, "An Analysis and an Evaluation of Tillich's Theology of Nature," Drummy summarizes the development of Tillich's thought on nature, and concludes with four critiques. First, he considers postmodernist criticism of metaphysics and the "language of being." Second, he suggests that Tillich does not overcome the anthropocentricity of the Christian religion. Third, he examines the biblicist accusation of Tillich's pantheist system in which biblical personalism seems to be lost. Fourth, he explores the adequacy of Tillich's understanding of the

stewardship of creation in contrast with the place of humanity as the crown of creation. Then Drummy works out responses to these criticisms.

A final chapter, "Being and Earth: The Divine Symphony of Love," uses some familiar concepts: love, kairós, and concupiscence. Drummy believes that Tillich provides an "agape ethic" that offers a basis for a Protestant environmental ethic. He points out that Tillich is critical of "forwardism," the belief in the horizontal line of human development that leads only to a loss of meaning and an all-consuming concupiscence. Using a distinction made by René Dubos, Drummy finds the Benedictine Model of stewardship more useful than the Franciscan reverence toward nature. The term "bio-agape" characterizes a final solution to the problem of ecological ethics.

Drummy's book is an excellent study. It engages a wide range of past and present literature, and relates Tillich to the ecological crisis in a positive manner. It is a pity that Tillich did not live to engage this and other concerns for which his philosophical theology would be a natural fit.



#### Publishing Your Paper in the NAPTS Newsletter: A Request

*From the editor's desk:* Every year, the editor is pleased to publish the papers delivered at the annual meeting. In order to facilitate this task, participants in this year's conference are asked to send their paper—on disk and a hard copy—to the editor as soon as possible after the annual meeting.

Any word processing program is acceptable, as long as footnotes are formatted *as* footnotes in the paper. Since the Newsletter is privately circulated, the author of the paper continues to hold the copyright to his/her work.

Thank you.

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