RELIGIOUS SYNCRETISM IN ANTIQUITY

A Symposium in Honor of Geo Widengren

April 21 - 22, 1972



Sponsored by The Institute of Religious Studies University of California Santa Barbara 93106 Convened at The Old Mission Santa Barbara, California

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Friday, April 21

- 4:00 PM Welcome, Introductions, Statement of Intentions - Walter H. Capps, Director, Institute of Religious Studies
- 4:15 PM Opening Session: (Birger A. Pearson, presiding) "Evidence of Religious Syncretism in Nag Hammadi Tractates"

- Douglas M. Parrott, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, UC Riverside

"Philo's Theory of Cosmogony"

- David Winston, Professor of Hellenistic and Judaic Studies, Center for Judaic Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

- 6:00 PM Social Hour
- 6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Review of a Scholar's Work: "Cultural Contact, Cultural Influence, Cultural Continuity and Syncretism"

> Geo Widengren, Professor of the History and Psychology of Religion and Dean-emeritus of the Faculty of Theology, Uppsala University, and Visiting Professor of Religious Studies, UC Santa Barbara

Response: Raimundo Panikkar, Professor of Religious Studies, UC Santa Barbara

Saturday, April 22

9:00 AM Morning Session: "Heaven on Earth-at Hasor" - Gosta W. Ahlstrom, Associate Professor of Old Testament, History of Religions Field, The Divinity School, University of Chicago

10:30 AM Discussion: "Syncretism: Methodological Implications" - William Brownlee, Claremont Graduate School

- Kees W. Bolle, UC Los Angeles

- Jill Raitt, UC Riverside

- Walter H. Capps, UC Santa Barbara, Moderator

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M. Gerald Bradford, UC Santa Barbara Tony Edwards, UC Santa Barbara Richard Hecht, UC Los Angeles Kirbie Knutson, UC Santa Barbara Warren Lew, UC Santa Barbara Hilary Martin, UC Los Angeles Judy Saltzman, UC Santa Barbara Steven Sharbrough, UC Los Angeles Ernst F. Tonsing, UC Santa Barbara Charles E. Vernoff, UC Santa Barbara

SYMPOSIUM ON NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIONS

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

4:00 PM North Hall 1006A Seeing with the Native Eye: How Many Sheep Will it Hold?

> - J. Barre Toelken (Wilbur Jacobs, Department of History, UCSB, presiding)

7:30 PM North Hall 1006A The Religious Dimensions of the American Indian Art Forms

- Joseph Epes Brown (W. Richard Comstock, Department of Religious Studies, UCSB, presiding)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

12:00 NOON Ellison Hall 1910 Attitudes to Animals in Shoshoni Indian Religion — Åke Hultkrantz (Gerald J. Larson, Department of Religious Studies, UCSB, presiding)

2:00 PM Engineering 1104 Hopi Indian Ceremonies

> - Emory Sekaquaptewa (Jill Raitt, Department of Religious Studies, UC Riverside, presiding)

4:00 PM Engineering 1104 American Indian Culture Programs in Colleges and Universities

- Anthony F. Purley (Robert Michaelsen, Department of Religious Studies, UCSB, presiding)

- JOSEPH EPES BROWN is Professor of Religious Studies in the University of Montana. His interest in the beliefs and values of native Americans led him to the famous Black Elk, Oglala Sioux sage, with whom he lived for a year while recording the account of the seven rites of the tribe. This account is published in *The Sacred Pipe*. Mr. Brown has also written *The Spiritual Legacy of the American Indians*, and has worked extensively in native American art.
- AKE HULTKRANTZ, who enjoys an international reputation in primitive or archaic religions, is Professor and head of the Department of Comparative Religion at the University of Stockholm. The author of some 160 articles and nine books in the field of ethnology and American Indian history, including *Conceptions of the Soul among North American Indians* (1953), and *De Amerikanska Indianernas Religioner* (1967), Mr. Hultkrantz is also co-editor of professional journals published in Sweden, Finland, Germany, and the USA. He has been guest professor in Norway, Denmark, Finland, and in Brandeis University, and, currently, is Visiting Professor of Religious Studies at UCSB.
- ANTHONY F. PURLEY is Director of the American Indian Culture Center at UCLA, where he has been concerned with the relation between formal scholarship and the extension of the University's resources to Indian communities. Mr. Purley is also interested in native American religious concepts and the appropriation of these values in contemporary American life.

EMORY SEKAQUAPTEWA, a member of the Hopi tribe, is Chairman of the American Indian Studies Program at the University of Arizona where he has helped develop an interdisciplinary approach to native American culture. A lawyer by profession, Mr. Sekaquaptewa has also been involved in the legal affairs of his and other Indian tribes.

J. BARRE TOELKEN is Associate Professor of English in the University of Oregon, where he has received the coveted Harbinson Award which distinguishes him as one of the nation's outstanding teachers. A scholar of medieval English, Mr. Toelken is also a performing folk singer. For three years he lived with the Navajos of Blanding, Utah, and is an adopted son of a tribesman. He has also worked extensively with the Randall V. Mills Memorial Archive of Northwest Folklore.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

The Environmental Studies Program at the University of California, Santa Barbara, began in 1970 in response to strong demands by students, faculty, and a local community made environmentally aware by the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill. It offers instruction in the principles and problems of the biological, physical, and social environment; it considers solutions for these problems; and it motivates its students to work for these solutions. Environmental Studies has been the fastest growing major at UCSB and is one of the most comprehensive programs of its kind in the nation. Widely studied by educators, Environmental Studies was honored in 1971 with a \$60,000 Education Incentive Award from the General Electric Foundation. This grant has allowed the program to define and refine its instructional program and to test curricula of potential value to educational institutions throughout the country.

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RELIGION AND ENVIRONMENT: THE ETHICAL INTERFACE

A Symposium on Environmental Ethics

November 2 - 3, 1973



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

12:00 NOON	Public Lecture, Campbell Hall Economics and Morality
	– Gunnar Myrdal
1.15 014	Lunshean Faculty Club

- 1:15 PM Luncheon, Faculty Club Panel Response to Gunnar Myrdal's lecture: Lynn White and Garrett Hardin
- 2:30 PM DISCUSSION I, University Center, Room 2284 Environmental Ethics: A Native American and a Zen Perspective - N. Scott Momaday

- Taizan Maezumi

6:30 PM Dinner, De La Guerra Commons

8:00 PM DISCUSSION II, University Center, Room 2284 Environmental Ethics: A Christian Perspective – Ian Barbour

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 AM	DISCUSSION III, University Center, Room 2284 An Environmental Problem: The Four Corners Region Description by Environmental Studies Students Analysis of ethical issues involved by Student Seminar Commentary: Momaday, Maezumi and Barbour	
12:00 NOON	Lunch, University Center Cafeteria	
Afternoon	A break to reflect, relax and refresh – in the spirit of the symposium. Small groups.	
5:00 PM	Supper, Devereaux Conference Center	
7:00 PM	DISCUSSION IV, Devereaux	

Toward an Environmental Ethic

INVITED PARTICIPANTS

IAN BARBOUR, Professor of Religion and Professor of Physics, Carleton College, and Eli Lilly Professor of Science, Theology, and Human Values, Purdue University, 1973-74.

GARRETT HARDIN, Professor of Human Ecology, UCSB

TAIZAN MAEZUMI, Roshi, Zen Center of Los Angeles

N. SCOTT MOMADAY, Professor of English, Stanford University

- GUNNAR MYRDAL, Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions
- PAUL SHEPARD, Lecturer in Zoology, Smith College

LYNN WHITE, JR., Professor of History, UCLA, and University Professor, University of California

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ROBERT MICHAELSEN, Acting Director, Institute of Religious Studies, UCSB

RODERICK NASH, Co-Chairman, Department of Environmental Studies, UCSB The Lectures have been established in honor of Irving F. Laucks, Santa Barbara scientist, inventor, social philosopher, and friend of the Institute and of UCSB. The subjects chosen for the lectures are in keeping with Mr. Laucks' sustained and cherished interests. The lectures are designed "to correlate a realistic and imaginative scientific sense of the age in which man lives with a coherent and critical portrayal of man's subjective and cultural religious histories." We are grateful to Irving, Eulah, and Mary Laucks for making the series possible.

The Lectures will be published in book form following their presentation.

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THE IRVING F. LAUCKS LECTURES ON THE SCIENCE OF MAN

by

ROBERT N. BELLAH

University of California, Berkeley

Subject of Lectures:

THE ROOTS OF RELIGIOUS CONSCIOUSNESS

April 8 and 9 Lotte Lehmann Hall UCSB

A Note on Robert N. Bellah

Professor Bellah enjoys an international reputation for his creative scholarly work in the sociology of religion. He has concentrated on religious roots and values in the history of man, with particular reference to the industrialization of the western world and of Japan. Currently he is Ford Professor of Sociology and Comparative Studies, and Director of the Center for Japanese and Korean Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

Robert Bellah was born in 1927. He received the bachelor's degree with highest honors in social anthropology in 1950 and the Ph.D. degree in 1955 in Sociology and Far Eastern Languages from Harvard University. His subsequent teaching at Harvard was interspersed with periods of research at the Institute for Islamic Studies of McGill University, as a Fulbright Research Grantee in Japan, and at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford. In 1972-73 he held a visiting appointment in sociology at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton, New Jersey. Some of the topics on which Professor Bellah has written include: Apache kinship systems, religion and progress in modern Asia, problems of violence in developing countries, Christian realism, religion in the university liturgy, civil religion in American, relationships between religion and science, and re-evaluations of evolutionism.

Lecture 1: "Primitive Religion" Monday, April 8, 4 p.m.

Introductions: Walter H. Capps, Director, Institute of Religious Studies

Response: W. Richard Comstock, Department of Religious Studies

- Lecture 2: "The Historic Religions" Monday, April 8, 8 p.m.
 - Introductions: Vernon I. Cheadle, Chancellor, UCSB
 - Response: Helen Kelley, IHM, President, Immaculate Heart College
- Lecture 3: "The Contemporary Relevance of Religion" Tuesday, April 9, 8 p.m.
 - Introductions: John W. Snyder, Executive Vice-Chancellor, UCSB
 - Response: Harvey Wheeler, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions

Panel Discussion:

Panelists: Robert Michaelsen, Religious Studies, UCSB John Cogley, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions Jerald C. Brauer, University of Chicago

Tuesday, April 9, 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 16 (La Casa de Maria)

9:00 Session IV

"Category Formation in the Study of Religion: A Retrospective Look"

> Hans Penner, Dartmouth College Jacques Waardenburg, University of Utrecht Melford Spiro, UC San Diego W. Richard Comstock, UCSB, moderator

10:20 Coffee & Tea

10:40 Panel Discussion: "A Futurist Look"

Jonathan Z. Smith, University of Chicago Jacob Needleman, San Francisco State University R.J.Z. Werblowsky, Hebrew University Walter H. Capps, UCSB, moderator

12:00 Lunch

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A Symposium in Honor of Mircea Eliade

November 14-16, 1974

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Thursday, November 14 (La Casa de Maria)		10:30	"The Religious Structure of Modern Man" Kees Bolle, UCLA	
3:30	Welcome, Announcements, Preview of Symposium Agenda	Responses: Douglas Allen, University of Maine		
3:45	Session I (Birger A. Pearson, presiding)		R.J.Z. Werblowsky, Hebrew University Jerusalem	
	"The Image of Death in Eliade's Writings" Mac Linscott Ricketts,	12:00	Lunch	
	Louisburg College	2:00	Session III (Gerald Bradford, presiding)	
	Responses: Gerald J. Larson, UCSB Francis P. Sullivan, S.J. Loyola		"Myth and Contemporary Cinema" W. Richard Comstock, UCSB	
	Univerity (New Orleans)		"Deuteronomic Sacrifice and the History of Religions"	
5:45	Social Hour		Richard D. Hecht, UCSB	
6:30	Dinner		"Melanesian Cargo Cults"	
7:30	Tribute and Reminiscences		Garry W. Trompf, UC Santa Cruz	
	Thorkild Jacobsen, Harvard University		"Ainiology: New Perspectives on the Relation Between Religion and Time	
	Music by Gail MacGowan, Laura Horwitz and Yvonne Ashton		Sense" Carl Raschke, University of Denver	
	"The Spiritual Itinerary of Mircea Eliade, 1926-1929" Dennis A. Doeing, Canisius College, Buffalo, New York		"Aspects of Indo-European Ideology" Michael Chelik, City University of New York	
	Bujjuto, New 101K		"Suggestive Hallucinogenic-Derived Mythic Motifs from Indo-American	
Friday, November 15 (La Casa de Maria)			Monumental Earthworks"	
9:00	Session II (Gerald J. Larson, presiding)		Marlene Dobkin de Rios, UC Irvine	
	"On Secularization and Mythology"	5:30	Dinner	
	Raimundo Panikkar, UCSB	8:00	Public Lecture (Lotte Lehmann Hall, UCSB) (Robert Michaelsen, presiding)	
	Responses: Amos Funkenstein, UCLA David Rasmussen, Boston College		"Self Reflections on my Work" Mircea Eliade	
10:15	Coffee & Tea			