



The Redemption of Reason Conference

The University of Chicago
Swift Lecture Hall
The Divinity School

Intentional Christian Scholars in Conversation
with the Bible, Theology, Philosophy and
the Academic Disciplines

October 19, 2007 - November 1 – 3, 2007 - May 9, 2008

If Christians are going to fruitfully engage the academic enterprise anywhere, but especially at a major research university like The University of Chicago, they need a basic rationale for doing so. Then they need some encouragement from people doing history on work done so far, and still more work by people doing Christian engagement in a number of disciplines.

Middleton's work on the *Imago Dei* provided a basic rationale, and the work of the other scholars demonstrated what Christians can and should do.

October 19, 2007

J. Richard Middleton (Theology and Biblical Worldview, Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY)

“Created in the Image of God”

- see his book *The Liberating Image: The Imago Dei in Genesis 1* [2005]
- <http://bakerpublishinggroup.com/books/the-liberating-image/231440>
- “The Liberating Image: Interpreting the Imago Dei in Context”
The Christian Scholars Review, v.24.1 (1994) 8-25
- https://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted_hildebrandt/otesources/01-genesis/text/articles-books/middleton-imagodei-csr.htm

November 1, 2007 - Thursday

Jean Bethke Elstain (Ethics, The University of Chicago Divinity School)

“Can Christians Think?”

Roger Lundin (English Literature, Wheaton College - deceased)

“Belief and Unbelief among Writers, Especially Poets in the Past 150 Years”

November 2, 2007 - Friday

Kelly James Clark (Philosophy, Calvin College and now Grand Valley State U)
"Reason within the Bounds of Religion"

Timothy Larsen (Historical Theological, Wheaton College)
"The War Is Over, If You Want It: Beyond the Conflict between Faith and Reason"
- See Larsen's published 2008 paper with this title, which drew on his talk.
- <https://www.asa3.org/ASA/PSCF/2008/PSCF9-08Larsen.pdf>

November 3, 2007 - Saturday

Vincent Bacote (Ethics, Wheaton College)
"Christian Worldviews in Education: Discovering Purpose, Meaning, and Responsibility"

Papers by student participants

Lunch and Concluding Discussion

May 9, 2008

Presentation:

Gerald McDermott (Religion, History & Doctrine, Roanoke College & Beeson Divinity School)
"Christianity and World Religions: an Evangelical Perspective"

Response:

Curtis J. Evans (History of Christianity, The U of Chicago Divinity School)
- See McDermott's Can Evangelicals Learn from World Religions (IV Press, 2000)
- <https://www.ivpress.com/can-evangelicals-learn-from-world-religions>
- See McDermott's God's Rivals: Why Has God Allowed Different Religions? Insights from the Bible and the Early Church (IV Press, 2007)
- <https://www.ivpress.com/god-s-rivals>

For information about the speakers, see the information at the following link.

http://www.redeemingreason.org/conferences/con_past.html#sub3

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