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"The Holy Spirit raises the soul most sublimely with that His divine breath . . . that she may breathe in God the same breath of love that the Father breathes in the Son and the Son in the Father . . ."

John of the Cross
The Spiritual Canticle (39.3.4)



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Purpose

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"The Spirit, like the wind, blows where it wills," Jesus told Nicodemus, according to the Gospel of John. But where is it at work and how can we tell? The recent resurgence in work on the Holy Spirit suggests that the question is of continuing relevance. Furthermore, it seems possible that pneumatology could provide for a new religious orientation in general, as well as interdisciplinary conversation about central theological concerns. Contemporary Pentecostal movements, which together comprise the second largest communion of Christians in the world, claim renewal of the spectacular gifts—speaking in tongues, supernatural healing, prophecy embodying new revelations—associated with the apostles' personal ministry. Earlier, Reformers and Puritans developed a doctrine of sanctification linked to belief in the power of a sovereign Spirit to stir Christians to will and act in God-pleasing obedience. Catholic and Orthodox traditions have always affirmed the creative activity of the Holy Spirit in the world. Some twenty-first century theologians speak of its breath driving the primordial energy of the universe towards complexity and order. They hope to discover the Spirit's work through the lenses of social dynamism, ontology in information, and the psychology of creativity. Fourteen scholars and scientists gather at The Yale Club in New York City to explore the most pressing questions in pneumatology that have to be dealt with by contemporary Pentecostal theologians, as well as the revision of basic pneumatological concepts and ideas in classic theology and the quest for a realistic pneumatology that will be related to lived experience and our evolving understanding of creation. Their conversation takes place under the aegis of the John Templeton Foundation.



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Approach

The symposium is part of the Templeton Foundation's *Humble Approach Initiative*. The goal of the initiative is to bring about the discovery of new spiritual information by furthering high-quality scientific research. The "humble approach" is inherently interdisciplinary, sensitive to nuance, and biased in favor of building linkages and connections. It assumes an openness to new ideas and a willingness to experiment. Placing high value upon patience and perseverance, it retains a sense of wondering expectation because it recognizes, in Loren Eiseley's haunting phrase, "a constant emergent novelty in nature that does not lie totally behind us, or we would not be where we are." A fundamental principle of the Foundation, in the words of its founder, is that "humility is a gateway to greater understanding and open[s] the doors to progress" in all endeavors. Sir John Templeton believes that in their quest to comprehend foundational realities, scientists, philosophers, and theologians have much to learn about and from one another. The humble approach is intended as a corrective to parochialism. It encourages discovery and seeks to accelerate its pace.



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"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba, Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ . . . Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

Romans 8:14-17a and 26-27

Chair

Michael Welker is a systematic theologian who works through the biblical traditions and through philosophical and sociological theories to address questions of contemporary culture. Warning against a reductionist systematics that can block as well as guide thought, he has focused on the interplay among religious, legal, moral, scientific, and other cultural codes that shape the ethos of the postmodern world. His work is exceptionally wide-ranging, and he has recently considered problems of pluralism in societies, cultures, and canonic traditions, as well as exploring notions of human personhood in pre-modern, modern, and contemporary periods. In *God the Spirit* (1992 and 1994), he articulates a broad spectrum of experiences of the Spirit, searches and quests for the Spirit, and skepticism toward the Spirit that define the contemporary world. His interweaving of diverse testimonies and accounts of God and God's action among human beings illuminates how different people and different groups of people throughout history have served as bearers of God's revelation. Professor and chair of systematic theology in the Theological Faculty of the University of Heidelberg, he has been director of the university's *Internationales Wissenschaftsforum* since 1996. Dr. Welker is a graduate of the University of Tübingen where he studied with Jürgen Moltmann and earned a doctorate in theology in 1973. Ordained in the *Evangelische Kirche der Pfalz*, he received a Ph.D. from Heidelberg in 1978. He was professor of systematic theology in the Theological Faculty of the University of Tübingen from 1983 to 1987 and, for the next four years, professor and chair of Reformed theology in the Theological Faculty of the University of Münster. He has held an honorary research fellowship at the Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion of the University of Chicago Divinity School and been a visiting professor at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and the Princeton Theological Seminary as well as a guest professor at the Harvard Divinity School. Dr. Welker serves on the board of advisors of the John Templeton Foundation. A member of the Consultation on Science and Religion of Princeton's Center for Theological Inquiry since 1993, he is a member of the editorial boards of *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, *Evangelische Theologie*, *Jahrbuch für Biblische Theologie*, *the Journal of Law and Religion*, *Process Studies*, *Soundings: An*

Interdisciplinary Journal, Verkündigung und Forschung, and Word and World. He has published some 200 articles in scholarly journals and written or edited more than twenty books. In addition to four recent works in German, including *Kirche im Pluralismus* (2000), his latest studies are: *What Happens in Holy Communion* (2000), which has been published in six languages; (edited with John Polkinghorne) *The End of the World and the Ends of God: Science and Theology on Eschatology* (2000), which has been translated into Korean; (with John Polkinghorne) *Faith in the Living God: A Dialogue for Troubled Friends and Educated Despisers of Christianity* (2001), which has been translated into Korean and Chinese; (edited with Ted Peters and Robert John Russell) *Resurrection: Theological and Scientific Assessments* (2002); and (with Wallace M. Alston), *Reformed Theology: Identity and Ecumenicity*, which was published in 2003 by Wm. B. Eerdmans.

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A cultural anthropologist whose principal interests are in anthropological theory, religion and mental health, embodiment, language and culture, and cultural phenomenology, **Thomas J. Csordas** is a professor of anthropology at the University of California, San Diego. He was graduated from Ohio State University, took his Ph.D. at Duke University in 1980, and subsequently studied psychiatric anthropology at the Harvard Medical School. Dr. Csordas taught at Duke, Vance-Granville Community College in Henderson, North Carolina, and the University of North Carolina before joining the Harvard medical faculty in 1986 as an instructor in medical anthropology. He was an assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, in 1989-90, then accepted an appointment at Case Western Reserve University as an associate professor. He was promoted to professor of anthropology six years later. In 2000, he was granted a secondary appointment as professor of religion. From 2002 to 2004, he served as chair of the department of anthropology at Case. His research among charismatic Catholics and members of the Navajo nation has focused on such topics as therapeutic process, ritual language, imagery, transformations of self, experience of the body, and causal reasoning about illness. His work has been recognized with the Stirling Award for Contributions in Psychological Anthropology as well as with awards of residential fellowships at the Russell Sage Foundation and the Collegium Budapest. He has received grants from the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Center for American Indian and Native Alaskan Mental Health Research, the Milton Fund, the W. B. Arnold Pain Treatment and Research Center, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the U. S. Department of Education's Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education. Dr. Csordas also is the recipient of Case's John S. Diekhoff Award for Distinguished Graduate Teaching. He has served as president of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion and as editor of *Ethos: Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology*. In addition to publishing more than thirty journal articles and book chapters, he is the editor of *Embodiment and Experience: The Existential Ground of Culture and Self* (1994) and guest editor of *Ritual Healing and Navajo Society* (2000), a special issue of the *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. His books include *The Sacred Self: A Cultural*

Phenomenology of Charismatic Healing (1994), *Language, Charisma, and Creativity: The Ritual Life of a Religious Movement* (1997), and *Body/Meaning/Healing*, which was published last year by Palgrave. Dr. Csordas is working on a new book tentatively entitled "Navajo People, Navajo Healing."

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D. Lyle Dabney teaches Protestant systematic theology at historically Roman Catholic Marquette University in Milwaukee. He joined the theology faculty in 1994 and was promoted to associate professor in 2001. A graduate of Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, he earned a master's degree at Fuller Theological Seminary and a doctorate in theology at Eberhard-Karls Universität in Tübingen, Germany in 1989. He was a member of the adjunct faculty at Perkins Theological Seminary at Southern Methodist University before accepting his initial appointment at Marquette. Dr. Dabney also has taught at Biblijsko Toloski Institut in Osijek, Yugoslavia. The author of a number of articles on pneumatology published in scholarly journals and a work in German on the Holy Spirit, *Die Kenosis des Geistes: Kontinuität zwischen Schöpfung und Erlösung in Werk des Heiligen Geistes* (1997), he served as translator and editor of the English-language edition of Jürgen Moltmann's *Is There Life after Death?* (1998) and, most recently, as editor (with Bradford Hinze) of *Advents of the Spirit: Introduction to the Current Study of Pneumatology*, which was published by Marquette University Press in 2001. A series of lectures he delivered in Canberra, Australia, along with responses from Australian theologians, has been published in a volume edited by Gordon Preece and Stephen Pikard, *Starting with the Spirit: The Task of Theology Today II* (Australian Theological Forum Press, 2001). Dr. Dabney is currently working on two scholarly projects—one, tentatively entitled, "*We Believe in the Holy Spirit: An Introduction to Pneumatology as a Field of Discourse*," offers a developed account of his argument that a theology of the third person of the Trinity is the most appropriate form of theological discourse today; the other argues that the focus of such discourse is theological anthropology.



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Emeritus Lightfoot Professor of Divinity at the University of Durham, **James D. G. Dunn** is a New Testament scholar widely known for his writings on the Holy Spirit, St. Paul, and Jesus, as well as for his studies of the evolution of the historical critical method and the relation between Christianity and Judaism in the first century. He was graduated from the University of Glasgow, where he took both a master's degree in economics and statistics and a bachelor of divinity degree, and received his Ph.D. in New Testament studies from Cambridge University in 1968. A licensed minister of the Church of Scotland, he served as senior assistant minister of St. David's Church in Knightswood, Glasgow, and as chaplain to overseas students in Edinburgh before beginning his academic career at the University of Nottingham as a lecturer and then a reader in theology. Appointed professor of divinity at Durham in 1982, he was named Lightfoot Professor in 1990, a post he held for thirteen years. Dr. Dunn twice chaired Durham's theology department and was director of its Centre for Theological Research. He also has been the Sir Derman Christopherson Foundation Fellow at Durham. A former Joseph McCarthy Visiting Professor at the Gregorian University in Rome, he has been a visiting professor at Fuller Theological Seminary and at New College, Berkeley, and has delivered invited lectures at numerous colleges, universities, and seminaries in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Dr. Dunn was founding chairman of the Association of University Departments of Theology and Religious Studies in the United Kingdom and has served as president of both the British New Testament Conference and of the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas. He is presently vice president of St. John's College Council, Durham, chairman of the Wesley Study Centre Management Committee, and a member of the advisory board of the Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies in Jerusalem. Cambridge University has awarded him honorary bachelor of divinity and doctor of divinity degrees. A former advisory editor of the *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* and joint editor of SPCK's Biblical Foundations in Theology Series, Dr. Dunn is editor of the Cambridge University Press series, *Theology of the New Testament*, advisory editor of *Horizons in Biblical Theology* and of the *Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplement*

Series, and advisory editor for the *Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft*. He is the author of some 180 articles published in academic journals, the editor of six books, including most recently, *The Cambridge Companion to St. Paul* (Cambridge University Press, 2003), the co-author of two books, and the author of twenty-two others, from the early and influential *Baptism in the Holy Spirit* (1970) and *Jesus and the Spirit* (1975 and 1997) to the recent *Theology of Paul the Apostle* (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1998) and *Jesus Remembered* (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2003), the first volume of a projected three-volume series entitled *Christianity in the Making*.

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Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen is a professor of systematic theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. He began his academic career in his native Finland. A graduate of the University of Jyväskylä, where he earned a master's degree in education, he served as a lecturer in education and as secretary of Jyväskylä's faculty of education before undertaking further graduate work at Fuller and receiving a master's degree in theological studies in 1989. He went on to earn a doctorate in theology from the University of Helsinki in 1998 and finished an advanced research degree the next year. An ordained minister of the Full Gospel Churches of Finland, Dr. Kärkkäinen served as pastor of the Full Gospel Church in Jyväskylä for two years. He was academic dean and professor of theology at Full Gospel Bible College in Bangkok, Thailand, from 1991 to 1994 and, for the next six years, president of Iso Kirja College in Keuruu, Finland, where he was also a professor of theology. He joined the Fuller faculty as an associate professor in 2000 and was named to his present position last year. Dr. Kärkkäinen also holds a visiting professorship in theology and missiology at Iso Kirja College and is a docent of ecumenics at the University of Helsinki. He has been a visiting lecturer at various academic institutions in Finland, the United States, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, Russia, and Egypt. Recipient of research grants from the Academy of Finland, the Research Center of the Lutheran Church of Finland, and the Iso Kirja Foundation, he presently serves as a member of the advisory council of the International Charismatic Consultation on World Evangelization, the advisory group for Church and Ecumenical Relations of the World Council of Churches, and the World Council of Churches Consultation on Healing and Faith among many activities with international religious organizations. Dr. Kärkkäinen is assistant editor of *Maailman Ääret* (The Ends of the Earth), a journal focusing on missionary work. The author of more than sixty articles in academic journals and chapters in volumes of collected essays, he is also the author of ten books, including, *Spiritus spirat ubi vult: Pneumatology in Roman Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue* (1998), *Pneumatology: The Holy Spirit in Ecumenical, International, and Contextual Perspectives* (2002), and, most recently, *Trinity and Religious Pluralism and Doctrine of God: A Global Perspective*, the former published earlier this year by Ashgate

Publishing and the later by Baker Academic Books. His *One With God: Salvation as Deification and Justification* will be published this fall by Liturgical Press.

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A theologian with a particular interest in eschatology among a wide range of issues in contemporary theology and religious studies about which she has written, **Catherine Keller** is a professor of constructive theology in the Theological and Graduate Schools of Drew University. She studied at the University of Heidelberg, earned a master's degree from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, and received a Ph.D. in philosophy of religion and theology in 1984 from the Claremont Graduate School, where she worked with John B. Cobb, Jr. in the Center for Process Studies. After teaching theology for three years at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, she joined the Drew faculty in 1986 and was named to her current position in 1998. The recipient of several teaching awards, Dr. Keller has received research support from the Association of Theological Schools and the Lilly Foundation. She is a member of the executive committee of the American Theological Society. In addition to more than sixty articles published in scholarly journals and essays in volumes of collected works, she is the co-editor (with Anne Daniell) of *Process and Difference: Between Cosmological and Poststructuralist Postmodernism* (2002) and (with Mayra Rivera and Michael Nausner) of *Postcolonial Theologies: Divinity, Hybridity and Empire* (2004) and the author of five other books, including, *From a Broken Web: Separation, Sexism and Self* (1986), *Apocalypse Now and Then: A Feminist Guide to the End of the World* (1996), and most recently, *Face of the Deep: A Theology of Becoming, an exploration of the repressed chaos in the biblical creation narrative*, which was published last year by Routledge. A new study, *God and Power: Counter-Apocalyptic Journeys*, will be released next spring by Fortress.



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Frank Macchia, a Pentecostal theologian and Assemblies of God minister, is the grandson of a woman who served as pastor of an Italian Pentecostal church in Gary, Indiana for nearly a quarter-century. He has written about the paradigm shifts in Pentecostal theology in an era of increasing missionary activity on a global scale. A graduate of Southern California College, he earned a master's degree in systematic theology from Wheaton College and a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary. After further graduate study in philosophy at Loyola University of Chicago, he received his doctorate in theology with distinction from the University of Basel in 1989. His dissertation was awarded the Jakob Buckhardt Prize given by the university and the Johann von Goethe Foundation. Dr. Macchia joined the theology faculty of Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God in Lakeland, Florida, as an associate professor in 1992, a post he held until accepting his present position as professor of theology and director of Graduate Programs in Religion at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, California, in 1999. He has served as associate pastor of the Christian Assembly Church in Hobart, Indiana, and pastor of the Trinity Gospel Church in Itasca, Illinois, and is currently an elder of Grace Bible Church, a Taiwanese congregation in Anaheim Hills, California. A former president of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, he serves as co-chair of the Justification/Sanctification/Ethics Study Group of the Faith and Order Commission of the U.S. National Council of Christian Churches. He has delivered invited lectures in the Philippines, Korea, and Sweden as well as in the United States. Dr. Macchia is senior editor of *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* and an associate editor of the *Journal of Pentecostal Theology*. The author of some twenty-five articles published in scholarly journals and essays in volumes of collected works, he is the author of *Spirituality and Social Liberation: The Message of the Blumhardts in the Light of Wuertemberg Pietism* (Scarecrow Press, 1993). He is currently finishing a book for Zondervan entitled *Pentecostal Theology in the Making: Global Trends in Ecumenical Context* and a manuscript on Trinitarian soteriology.

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The distinguished particle physicist and author **John Charlton Polkinghorne**, the winner of the 2002 Templeton Prize for Progress Toward Research or Discoveries about Spiritual Realities, was ordained a priest in the Church of England in 1982. He took up his new vocation in mid-life after playing a role in the discovery of the *quark*, the smallest elementary particle of matter. A graduate of Cambridge University, where he was a fellow at Trinity College and earned a Ph.D. in theoretical physics in 1955, Dr. Polkinghorne was forty-eight-years-old when he resigned his Cambridge professorship of mathematical physics to begin studies at Westcott House, an Anglican seminary in Cambridge. He went on to serve as a curate in a working-class parish in South Bristol and as vicar of Blean, a village outside of Canterbury. In 1986 he accepted a call to return to Cambridge as dean of the chapel at Trinity Hall, and in 1989, he was named president of Queens' College, a position he held until his retirement in 1996. A Fellow of the Royal Society and a member of the Society of Ordained Scientists, Dr. Polkinghorne was granted the senior Sc.D. degree by Cambridge in 1974 in recognition of his contributions to research and has received honorary degrees from the University of Kent, the University of Exeter, the University of Leicester, the University of Durham, and Marquette University. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1997 and is currently a fellow of Queens' and Canon Theologian of Liverpool. Dr. Polkinghorne was the founding president and remains a fellow of the International Society for Science and Religion and is a former member of the board of advisors of the John Templeton Foundation. In addition to an extensive body of writing on theoretical elementary particle physics, including *The Quantum World* (1989), he is the editor of *The Works of Love: Creation as Kenosis* (2001) and the author of another seventeen books on the interrelationship of science and theology in which he explores questions about God's action in creation. *The Faith of a Physicist: Reflections of a Bottom-Up Thinker* (1994) was based on the Gifford Lectures he delivered at the University of Edinburgh and *Belief in God in an Age of Science* (1998) was composed of the Terry Lectures he delivered at Yale University. His latest works include three books published in 2000, *Faith, Science, and Understanding*, *Traffic in Truth: Exchange Between Science and Theology*, and *The End of the World and the*

Ends of God: Science and Theology in Eschatology (edited with Michael Welker), one in 2001, *Faith in the Living God: A Dialogue for Troubled Friends and Educated Despisers of Christianity* (with Michael Welker), two books that came out last year, *The God of Hope and the End of the World* and *Living With Hope: A Scientist Looks at Advent, Christmas and Epiphany*, and, most recently, *Science and the Trinity*, which was just released by Yale University Press.

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Margaret M. Poloma has written extensively about the Pentecostal charismatic movement. She analyzes, in particular, how foundational forces of Western thought, modernism, materialism, and instrumental rationality, are challenging its worldview. Now a professor emerita of sociology at The University of Akron, she taught at the Ohio institution for twenty-five years. She is a graduate of Notre Dame College of Ohio and earned her Ph.D. in sociology at Case Western Reserve University in 1970. Since her retirement, she has served as a visiting professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, Ashland Theological Seminary, Oberlin College, and Vanguard University of Southern California. She held a research fellowship from the National Institute of Healthcare Research for eight years and has received major research funding from the Louisville Institute and the Institute for Research on Unlimited Love, an organization founded with a grant from the John Templeton Foundation. A member of the steering committee of the Christian Sociological Society (CSS) and of the advisory board of the Lewis Wilson Institute for Pentecostal Studies, Dr. Poloma formerly served as treasurer of the CSS, a member of the council and secretary of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, a director of the Religion Research Association, and on the executive council of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. She has been the guest editor of a special issue, as well as a co-editor of *Sociological Focus*, editor of the *Christian Sociologists Newsletter*, an associate editor of the *Review of Religion Research*, *Sociological Analysis*, *Sociological Inquiry*, and the *Review of Religious Research*, and an advising editor of *Spirituality & Health*. She is currently an associate editor of *Pneuma: The Journal for the Society of Pentecostal Studies* and a contributing editor of the *Journal of Psychology and Theology*. The author more than fifty articles in scholarly journals and chapters in volumes of edited works, she is the co-editor of one book, the co-author of four books, and the author of four others, including *The Assemblies of God at the Crossroads: Charisma and Institutional Dilemmas* (1989) and, most recently, *Main Street Mystics: The Toronto Blessing and Reviving Pentecostalism*, which was published last year by AltaMira Press.

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A professor of theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School, **Kathryn E. Tanner** relates past thought from the history of Western theological traditions to areas of contemporary concern using critical, social, and feminist theory. A *summa cum laude* graduate of Yale College, where she earned distinction in philosophy, she remained at Yale for graduate work as a Douglas G. MacIntosh Fellow in the philosophy of religion. After earning a master's degree in philosophy, she took a Ph.D. in theology in 1985. Dr. Tanner subsequently joined the university's religious studies faculty as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 1991, and three years later accepted an associate professorship in theology at Chicago's Divinity School. She was named to her current position four years ago. She has been a visiting professor at the Harvard Divinity School and taught in the *Pew Traditio* program for undergraduates at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Tanner has delivered invited lectures at a number of American and European educational institutions and presented papers in the United States, England, The Netherlands, and Belgium. A former member of the steering committees of the Theology and Religious Reflection and the Narrative Interpretation and Theology sections of the American Academy of Religion, she currently serves on the Theology Committee of the Episcopal House of Bishops. She previously served as co-editor of the *Journal of Religion*, on the editorial board of *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*, and as general editor of the *Theology and Philosophy of Religion Division of the Religious Studies Review*. She is presently on the editorial boards of the *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, *Modern Theology*, and the *Scottish Journal of Theology*. In addition to publishing articles in academic journals, she was co-editor (with Paul Lakeland) for the *Fortress Press Guides to the Theological Inquiry Series* and (with Delwin Brown and Shelia Davaney) of *Converging on Culture: Theologians in Dialogue with Cultural Analysis and Criticism* (2001) and served as editor of *Spirit in the Cities*, which was published by Fortress earlier this year. Dr. Tanner's influential first book, *God and Creation in Christian Theology: Tyranny of Empowerment* (1988), recovered from pre-modern theology the concept of a radically transcendent God, and she went on to discuss the coherence and practical force of Christian beliefs

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