

SECOND INTERPRETER SCIENCE AND MORMONISM SYMPOSIUM



BODY, & BRAIN, MIND, & SPIRIT

Science and Mormonism have nearly always been on very friendly terms, with Church members sharing the deep conviction that, as expressed by former scientist and apostle Elder James E. Talmage, “within the gospel of Jesus Christ there is room and place for every truth thus far learned by man, or yet to be made known.” Subsequent Presidents and General Authorities of the Church have advanced similar views about the ultimate compatibility of religious and scientific truths and, with notably few exceptions, have maintained markedly positive attitudes toward both the methods and conclusions of mainstream science and the advance of modern technology.

The First Interpreter Science and Mormonism Symposium was held on November 9, 2013 with a focus on the topics of Cosmos, Earth, and Man. (<http://www.goo.gl/NRjmsX>). An expanded proceedings of this event will be published in March as *Cosmos, Earth, and Man. Science and Mormonism 1* (Orem and Salt Lake City: The Interpreter Foundation and Eborn Books, 2016).

This second symposium will feature the personal perspectives of prominent scientists and scholars addressing the theme of “Body, Brain, Mind, and Spirit.” Speakers include Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ, Jeffrey M. Bradshaw, Samuel M. Brown, James E. Faulconer, Brant A. Gardner, Ugo A. Perego, Daniel C. Peterson, Jani Radebaugh, Stephen H. Webb, and Camille Stilson Williams. Through presentations, panels, and interactive discussions, attendees will hear concise and colorful summaries of the state-of-the-art in research relating to these topics and will gain a deeper appreciation of the unique contributions of LDS doctrine to the ongoing conversation.

MARCH 12, 2016
8:30AM – 3:30PM

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Classroom Building, 101

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PANELS AND INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS

Introductory Remarks

Daniel C. Peterson
President, The Interpreter Foundation

Keynote Session Introduction and Comments

Jani Radebaugh
Associate Professor, Department of Geological Sciences, Brigham Young University

Keynote Address: Astronomy, God, and the Search for Elegance

Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ
Director of the Vatican Observatory and President of the Vatican Observatory Foundation

Dualism is Dead! Long Live Dualism!

James E. Faulconer
Richard L. Evans Professor of Philosophy, Brigham Young University

Is God More Like a Rock or the Idea of a Rock?

Stephen H. Webb
Catholic theologian, author, and *First Things* columnist

Veiled in Flesh: An LDS Perspective on the Body

Camille Stilson Williams
Independent Scholar and former Administrative Director of the Marriage and Family Law Research Project at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University

The Burden We Cannot Bear: Humans as Deity in Late-Modern Culture

Samuel M. Brown
Assistant Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Medicine and Medical Ethics and Humanities at the University of Utah/Intermountain Medical Center

All Abraham's Children: A Genetic Perspective

Ugo A. Perego
Director of the Rome LDS Institute Campus and Visiting Scientist, University of Perugia

In the Visions of the Night: The Human Brain and Divine Revelation

Brant A. Gardner
Independent scholar on the Book of Mormon and Mesoamerican studies

The Future Isn't What It Used to Be: Artificial Intelligence Meets Natural Stupidity

Jeffrey M. Bradshaw
Senior Research Scientist, Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition (IHMC)