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Building Community

By Stephen Andrews

Dear Friends,

The last week in January an article appeared in the Morning Star which some found objectionable and others found personally hurtful. I want to apologise to our community. We should have been more careful in asking ourselves whether the community newsletter was the right place to publish something that had the potential of causing pain. We want to maintain an environment of charity and mutual respect at the College, and we regret that publishing the article in that format did not contribute to these ends. I would invite anyone who was hurt to speak to me personally, and I want our community to know that we are reviewing the mandate and the protocols of the Morning Star.

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Professor Sider-Hamilton's article does in many respects reflect the position of the College on the matter of marriage. But the subject remains controversial and divisive in our Church and in our College. And it is difficult to know how to talk about such matters in a way that builds up our community. The Anglican Church of Canada has staged debates, study sessions, and forums of 'holy listening'. And yet, the action of General Synod this past summer was agonizing.

Every year since I became Principal, I have had discussions with members of the Student Council executive about how we might address our disagreements on marriage and Christian unity. But it always seemed to everyone concerned that in staging a public event the risk of hurting or dividing the community was too great. So we continue to try to imagine how a constructive conversation might happen at the College, and I have asked students to reflect on what the goals of such an event ought to be.

In the meantime, I have found that the best sorts of conversations are the individual and personal ones. These encounters can be hard and require charity on every side.

But if our conversation builds up mutual understanding and respect, then we will be the better for it and we shall discover unity at a deeper level. As Professor Radner writes in one of his books, 'One learns to be "one" by learning to be other than oneself' (*Brutal Unity*, p. 395).

St Paul says that we are 'made one' (Eph 2.14), which is another way of saying, in part, 'You can't choose your family.' The kingdom we seek is not built on consensus, affability or mutual affection, and certainly not on dogmatism and self righteousness. It is, rather, built on our fellowship with Christ in his sufferings (Phil 3.10). This Lent would be a good time for us all to ask ourselves what this means, and to beg God to cultivate a spirit of humility within us. For we have all fallen short of the glory for which we were intended, and it is only the Crucified One who can make us whole.

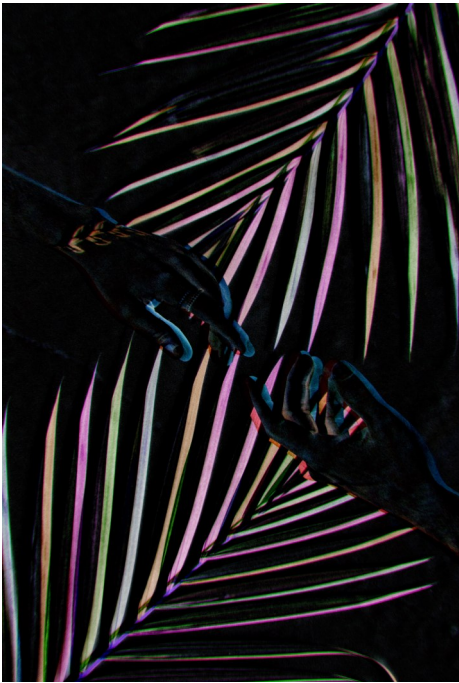
Peace,
+Stephen

ABOUT

Bishop Stephen Andrews is Principal of Wycliffe College.



Public Events with Dr. Denis Lamoureux



PUBLIC LECTURE: BEYOND THE EVOLUTION CREATION DEBATE

Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 5 p.m. at Wycliffe College

In this public lecture, Dr. Denis Lamoureux, Professor of Science and Religion at St. Joseph's College in the University of Alberta, argues that the simple either/or approach to origins inhibits everyone from making informed choices. He asserts that if the limits of both conservative Christianity and evolutionary biology are respected, then their relationship can be complementary. This view of origins is known as Evolutionary Creation. Concisely stated, it claims that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit created the universe and life through an ordained, sustained, and design--reflecting evolutionary process.

This is a free public lecture. No registration is required.

THEOLOGY PUB NIGHT: SCIENCE AND RELIGION: A HISTORY OF CONFLICT?

Friday, February 28, 2020. Movie at 5 p.m. followed by discussion at 7 p.m. at Wycliffe College

Dr. Denis Lamoureux, will present a unique perspective that moves us past the evolution vs creation debate to a place where both ideologies can exist together. He will be our special guest at the Theology Pub Night in February. This is a free, public event. Bring your friends! For more information: wycliffecollege.ca/theologypub.

To get us started (and just because it's an awesome movie) we will be screening the original Planet of the Apes movie beforehand at 5 p.m. in Sheraton Hall. Don't worry if you can't make it to the movie, we'll be showing clips during the discussion.

Book Giveaway:

- *Evolution: Scripture and Nature Say, Yes!* by Denis O. Lamoureux
- *Four Views on the Historical Adam* by Denis O. Lamoureux

Wednesday Event this week



ASH WEDNESDAY REFLECTION

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in the Reading Room

On Wednesday, February 26th, Bishop Peter Mason will lead an Ash Wednesday Reflection at 3:30 p.m. in the Reading Room. Bishop Mason will also preach at Eucharist that day.



ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY / WYCLIFFE COLLEGE EXCHANGE— THE FUTURE OF THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION PROCESS

Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 3:15 p.m.—7 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto, 2661 Kingston Road (at Brimley Road), Scarborough

Join us at this special Wednesday event with speaker Fr. David Reilander, President, Catholic Missions In Canada. Dr. Alan Hayes will preach. Wycliffe Students and Faculty are asked to **RSVP by March 11, 2020** to Karen Baker-Bigauskas at principalsoffice@wycliffe.utoronto.ca , or 416-946-3521.

Here is the schedule of the day:

- 3:15 p.m. Gathering and refreshments
- 3:45 p.m. Lecture followed by Q&A
- 5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Key academic dates

- Feb. 28: Last day to submit ThM (II) extended essays for examination for spring convocation.
- Mar. 2: Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) application due. <https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/awards/ontario-graduate-scholarship/>
- Mar. 27, 2020 - Last day to defend theses (Spring Convocation)
- Apr. 3, 2020 - Absolute deadline for TSpace submissions to be approved for Spring Convocation (Note: students are given individual deadlines based on defence date)
- For more academic dates, visit <https://www.tst.edu/academic/key-academic-dates>.

Lenten Devotionals

Lent is a time of solemn reflection leading up to the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. As a tradition, Wycliffe College reflects on the self-sacrifice of Christ together as a community through weekly Lenten devotionals written by our students.

You receive them in your email inbox (starting Feb. 26) only if you sign up specifically for these devotionals. Sign up at <https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/newsletter> and check the "Weekly Lenten and Advent Devotionals" option.

Merchandise



Purchase your Wycliffe Padfolio for \$20 each at the Front Desk! You may also order them from the UofT Bookstore. Go to www.wycliffecollege.ca/merchandise for more details!