Christianity and Western Values

Featuring

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JÜRGEN MOLTMANN, Dr. Theol, Dr. Theol. habil., professor emeritus of systematic theology in the Evangelical Theological Faculty of the University of Tübingen, Germany, is one of the most influential theologians of the second half of the twentieth century. His early works, *Theology of Hope* (1964), *The Crucified God* (1972), and *The Church in the Power of the Spirit* (1975), earned him worldwide acclaim. He has contributed to the formation of liberation theology, black theology, and minjung theology, and remained in dialogue with these theologies in his subsequent work. In addition, he has published a series of contributions to systematic theology under the titles *The Trinity and the Kingdom of God* (1980), *God in Creation* (1985), *The Way of Jesus Christ* (1989) and *The Spirit of Life* (1991), which established him as one of the world's leading theologians.
What do Western values have to do with Christianity? Some would answer: Everything. It is Christianity that gave rise to the Western world as we know it, with its superior technology, democratic institutions, efficient economy, and with its values, most notable of which are human rights. Christianity and Western values are inseparable. Attack the one and the other will have to go too. We need to retrieve a robust Christian faith in order to sustain crumbling Western values.

What do Western values have to do with Christianity? Others would say: Very little. Western values and the institutions to which they correspond are more the outgrowth of Christendom than of genuine Christian faith. Christianity and Western values are incompatible. To place individual rights and the pursuit of economic self-interest over the good of community is positively anti-Christian. We need to free ourselves from the dominance of Western values in order to rediscover authentic Christian faith.

What do Western values have to do with Christianity? Still others would answer: Everything—adding that this is why we need to abandon both Christianity and Western values. Western ways are on a triumphant march over the globe, but what they leave behind is an army of destitute people and acres of scorched land. For the good of the oppressed poor and the suffering environment, for the good of future generations, we need to look beyond Christianity and Western values.

These are some of the vital issues that Professor Jürgen Moltmann, along with distinguished respondents and panelists, will seek to address during this conference.
LECTURESHIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
1:00 p.m. Introduction ........................................... Richard J. Mouw
Miroslav Volf
1:15 p.m. Christianity and Western Values .................... Jürgen Moltmann
2:15 p.m. Coffee Break
2:30 p.m. Response .............................................. Ellen T. Charry
3:30 p.m. Break
3:45 p.m. Panel Discussion .................................... Ellen T. Charry,
Winston E. Gooden, Jürgen Moltmann,
and Nancy Bedford Stutz
5:00 p.m. First lectureship session adjourned
6:30 p.m. Banquet in Payton Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 20
8:30 a.m. Introduction ......................................... Richard J. Mouw
9:40 a.m. Coffee break
10:00 a.m. Response ........................................... Nicholas Wolterstorff
11:15 a.m. Panel Discussion ..................................... D. Lyle Dabney,
James W. McClendon, Jr., Jürgen Moltmann,
and Nicholas Wolterstorff
12:30 p.m. Second lectureship session adjourned

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