

MARGENAU ADDRESSES DAL, SEES CONFLICT BETWEEN SCIENCE AND RELIGION

by PETE SPENCER

A great conflict in the world today between science and religion is seen by an eminent Yale professor of physics and philosophy.

Dr. Henry Margenau was speaking to a large gathering on Sunday in the Dalhousie gymnasium on the topic, "Science, Philosophy, and Religion."

Speaking of scientific discoveries, Dr. Margenau said that the time elapsed between the discovery of a new idea and the time the idea was placed into practise was rapidly decreasing.

He showed it had taken 100 years after the discovery of gunpowder before it was put into a mildly effective military device. In contrast, it was pointed out that the time-lapse from the time of the splitting of the atom until this was given a practical use in the atom bomb was only about five years.

Therefore, said Dr. Margenau, the time elapsed between an original product and the final outcome several years later decreases as the world lives on, until the year 2500 when the time elapsed would be merely one micron second.

Philosophy In Use

In contrast, Dr. Margenau showed how scientific knowledge takes as long today to be transformed into

philosophic terms as it has from the year one.

As an example of how philosophy is often put into practical use, Dr. Margenau discussed Thomas Jefferson, a student of the philosopher Locke, who devised a means of gathering ideas and thoughts together and putting them down clearly and precisely. Evidence of the practical application of Locke's theories are therefore found in the American Constitution, of which Jefferson was a Father, in the style and manner in which it was set up.

Dr. Margenau showed, "Science was important to mankind; it makes order out of chaos by bringing the facts together and by giving concepts and ideas related to these facts."

He said the major philosophic view in most topics is usually triumphant over the scientific view.

Turn To Science

Considering the conflict between science and religion Dr. Margenau

pointed out that religion has two aspects and means of interpretation: cosmological and moral. Today, he continued, science often shows how the cosmological side of religion is wrong; thus, people turn to the moral side of the problem for the support of their beliefs. Not finding strength enough in the moral sense to strengthen their beliefs, people then turn to science, because religion cannot explain what they wish to believe and what they think they do believe.

Both science and religion, said Dr. Margenau, represent the mind in the process of growth. They are continually contesting for the most correct explanation of phenomena in the world today.

If science or religion were said to be victorious over the other, who could justify the result, asked the speaker. Human society can only enjoy ultimate stability when a balance of science and religion ensues.

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- Saturday, November 5:
Freshman Party,
East Common Room,
Men's Residence, 8:00 - 12:00
- Tuesday, November 8:
Liberal Club Meeting
Room 234, 12:00
Audition for DGDS, Gym, 7:30
- Wednesday, November 9:
Addition for DGDS, Gym, 7:30
- Thursday, November 10:
Engineers' Haylift Jamboree,
Gym, 9:00

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An International Society

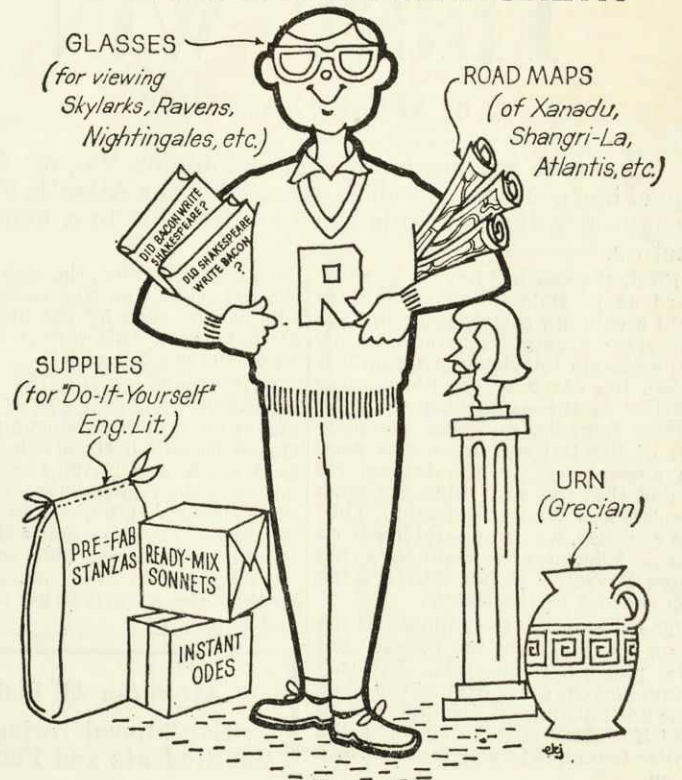
Plans are under way for the formation of an International Society on the Dalhousie Campus. All students interested in joining such an organization are invited to attend a general meeting on Tuesday, November 8, at 7 p.m. in the West Common Room. An executive will be elected from this meeting, and the proposed constitution of the society will be presented for approval. We need YOUR ideas.



BONNIE CROWNED—Bonnie Murray, fourth-year Arts student, was crowned Law Queen by Dean Reid of the Law School at the Ball held Saturday at the Lord Nelson Hotel. Bonnie will be Law's entry in the Campus Queen contest.

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