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## **A SYMPOSIUM**

celebrating

**Adult Learning**

**The Question As Commitment**

Montreal  
September 23 and 24, 1977

## THE SYMPOSIUM

**Friday, September 23**

Late registration: 6.30 to 7.45 p.m.

Session I: 8.00 to 10.00 p.m.

The guest scholars, led in discussion by Charlotte Tansey and R. Eric O'Connor, S.J., will address the question: "What have I recently learned about initiating fruitful questions for myself?"

**Saturday, September 24**

Session II: 1.00 to 3.00 p.m.

All registrants will move into 'The Question' experientially, in small groups led by Thomas More Institute discussion leaders.

— coffee break —

Session III: 4.00 to 6.00 p.m.

This discussion among the guest scholars, again led by Charlotte Tansey and R. Eric O'Connor, S.J., will be guided by the theme: "What is (are) the current question(s) for you? To what are you responding in the world as it is now?"

Buffet supper will commence at 7.15 p.m.  
(bar service available beforehand)

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All functions at:

The St. James Club,  
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## The Guest Scholars

**Dr. ERIC VOEGELIN**, Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; member of the American and USSR Societies of Political Science; publications include *Order and History, Vols. 1-4.*

**Dr. BERNARD LONERGAN, S.J.**, Boston College, Boston; theologian, philosopher; publications include *Insight and Method in Theology.*

**Dr. FREDERICK LAWRENCE**, Boston College, Boston; theologian; publications include *The Horizon of Political Theology.*

**Dr. J. ROBY KIDD**, Professor of Adult Education, O.I.S.E., Toronto; Secretary-General of the International Council for University Adult Education; publications include *A Tale of Two Cities: Tokyo and Montreal.*

**Dr. J. RENNIE WHITEHEAD**, Science Consultant, Ottawa; member of the Club of Rome; physicist; publications include *Superregenerative Receivers.*

**Dr. HEINZ LEHMANN**, Director of Psychopharmacology, Dept. of Psychiatry, McGill University; Officer of the Order of Canada; numerous publications on psychiatric diagnosis.

**Dr. CATHLEEN GOING**, a Director of Thomas More Institute, Montreal; theologian; publications include articles on theological education for adults.

and as discussion leaders:

**Miss CHARLOTTE H. TANSEY, M.A.**, Academic Vice-president and a founding director of Thomas More Institute, Montreal; author of articles and monographs on adult education.

**Dr. R. ERIC O'CONNOR, S.J.**, President and Director of Studies, Thomas More Institute, Montreal; member of the Board of Governors, Concordia University; mathematician; founding member of the Canadian Mathematical Congress.

A unique opportunity to join with eminent international scholars.

All participants will receive excerpts from writings of the guests.

Cost: \$25.00 (includes sessions, the coffee, supper).  
Receipt for studies fee (income tax) available on request.

#### Symposium Committee

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What have I learned recently about initiating fruitful questions for myself?

I think that there are two sources: a primary source that sets the big questions that occupy one for a life-time; and a secondary source that brings to light the subordinate questions, even hierarchies of subordinate questions, that serve to articulate the big questions.

The big questions come from the psyche as conceived by Ira Progoff and Robert Doran. In 1926 I was sent to England to do philosophy at Heythrop College and to prepare a degree at London University; in 1927 I wrote the Canadian provincial asking that my field of study be shifted to general methodology; fortunately I did not do methodology at London; but ever since I have been preoccupied with working out my own ideas on the topic. Again in 1927 I had to preach in the refectory; I had taken as my text some parallel to Acts 28, 26: "You may hear and hear but you will never understand; you may look and look, but your will never see." I was advised by the superior that, while my doctrine was true, it would be better not to preach it. (But the idea has remained fruitful; it became "inverse" insight in the book, Insight, dislectic in Method in Theology, sin as a surd in Grace and Freedom.)

The secondary source is interesting people and interesting books, that is, people and books whose interests approximate to one's own or complement them. How does one find them? One may attribute the finding to research, or to luck, or to emergent probability, and ultimately in any case to divine providence.

Bernard Lonergan

To what am I responding in the world as it is now? What is the current question for me?

From 1930 to about 1944 I spend a great deal of my free time on economic theory eventually producing a 120-page MS which, it seemed, either was an aberration or at best ahead of its time. In the spring of 1976 I began investigating the possibility that times had changed; there was a graver awareness of unsolved problems; the dominant neo-classical school was being criticized by a Cambridge group; the notion of a radical scientific development had been set forth by Thomas Kuhn in the field of physics and transposed to economics by Brian Loasby (Economic Journal 81 1971 863-885). I feel fairly well set to conduct a seminar on a seminal idea next term at Boston College.

**Bernard Lonergan**

#### Bibliographical Note

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- (4) Subject and Psyche: Ricoeur, Jung, and the Search for Foundations, Washington DC: University Press of America, 1977.

IRA PROGOFF

- (1) The Death and Rebirth of Psychology, 1956.
- (2) Depth Psychology and Modern Man, 1959.
- (3) The Symbolic and the Real, 1963.

These three currently available from McGraw-Hill Paperbacks.