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FALL AND WINTER LECTURES

- IS BELIEF IN GOD RATIONAL?** Wednesday, October 5
ALVIN PLANTINGA, *Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College*
- RELATIONAL ONTOLOGY AND HERMENEUTICS** Tuesday, October 18
HAROLD H. OLIVER, *Professor of New Testament and Theology, Boston University*
- RELIGIOUS AND POETICAL SPEAKING** Wednesday, November 2
HANS-GEORG GADAMER, *Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus, University of Heidelberg*
- ARE PLATO'S "MYTHS" MYTHS?** Wednesday, November 16
JOHN V. FINDLAY, *University Professor of Philosophy, Boston University*
- SOME SYMBOLIC ASPECTS OF MYTH** *Two Lectures*
JACQUES WAARDENBURG, *Professor, History of Religions, University of Utrecht, Holland*
Wednesday, December 7
Wednesday, December 14
- MYTH AND MIRACLE:
ISIS, WISDOM AND THE LOGOS OF JOHN** Wednesday, February 8
HOWARD C. KEE, *Professor of New Testament, Boston University*

All lectures are at 7:45 p.m. in Room 325, School of Theology, 745 Commonwealth Ave.

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A SYMPOSIUM—MARCH 27–29, 1978

- MONDAY, MARCH 27, HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL (*jointly with Regional Meeting of The American Academy of Religion*)
MYTH AND HISTORY 10:30 a.m.
ELIE WIESEL, *Andrew W. Mellon Professor of the Humanities, Boston University*
- TUESDAY, MARCH 28, BOSTON UNIVERSITY, CONFERENCE AUDITORIUM, GEORGE SHERMAN UNION
**APPROACHING AL-HALLAJ AND HIS UTTERANCES OF MYSTIC LOVE:
THE CHALLENGE OF TRANSLATING THE POETIC** 10:00 a.m.
HERBERT W. MASON, *University Professor of Islamic History and Religion, Boston University*
- NEWTON AND BLAKE: IMAGINATION AND BELIEF** *Two Lectures*
ELIZABETH SEWELL, *Poet and Lecturer*
2:00 and 7:45 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, BOSTON UNIVERSITY, CONFERENCE AUDITORIUM, GEORGE SHERMAN UNION
**THE SPOKEN WORD AND THE WORK OF INTERPRETATION
IN AMERICAN INDIAN RELIGION** 9:30 a.m.
DENNIS TEDLOCK, *University Professor of Anthropology and Religion, Boston University*
- REALITY, SYMBOL AND MYTH** 1:00 p.m.
BERNARD J. F. LONERGAN, S.J., *Distinguished Professor of Theology, Boston College*
- INTERPRETATION AND NARRATIVE** 7:45 p.m.
Auditorium, School of Nursing
ALASDAIR MACINTYRE, *University Professor of Philosophy and Political Science, Boston University*

Among Our Panelists:

Julian Baird, *Associate Professor of English, Boston University*
Peter Bertocci, *Borden Parker Bowne Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus, Boston University*
Francis X. Coleman, *Associate Professor of Philosophy, Boston University*
Gabriel Fackre, *Professor of Theology, Andover Newton Theological School*
Everett Gendler, *Rabbi, Temple Emanuel, Lowell, Mass.*
John Lavelly, *Professor of Philosophy, Boston University*
Daniel McCall, *Professor of Anthropology, Boston University*
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