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Professor W.G. Roll to Guest Lecture on Immortality

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DAYTON, Ohio, February 23, 1972 --- Professor W. G. Roll, Project Director Psychical Research Foundation, Duke Station, North Carolina, is one of the guest lecturers who will be present at a conference on Immortality at the University of Dayton, March 3-4. The conference, sponsored by the Department of Theological Studies and the Institute for Christian Renewal at U.D., is open to all who are interested in the various aspects of the concept of Immortality.

Other speakers will include Dr. Earl Hubbard, Chairman of the Committee for the Future, Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey; Dr. Irving Buchen, Professor of English and Projector of Dreyfuss College of the Future, Fairleigh Dickinson University; Dr. C. David Ensign, Professor of Church History, Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio; Dr. Matthew Kabrisky, A.F. Institute of Technology, Dayton, Ohio; and speakers from various departments of the University.

Students at the Conference are eligible for credit hours in English, Philosophy, or Theology, since it is listed as a mini-course.

Reverend William Vrasdonk, coordinator of the program, from the Department of Theological Studies, U.D., says, "Representatives of different disciplines will relate contemporary understandings of immortality to promote further discussion. Although the concept "immortality" needs interpretation, there is also a concern for immortality as a statistical probability."

The conference is free to the public, with a slight charge for meals.

The program will be:

FRIDAY, March 3, 1972

1:00 p.m. Registration, Kennedy Union, Room 310

1:30 p.m. Welcome by the University of Dayton

Introduction: "Prospective Theology and Immortality" by Prof. William G. Vrasdonk

Symposium I: Literature, Futurists and Immortality. Chairman Dr. Eugene August, Department of English, U.D.

1. "The Second Age of Why" by Dr. Earl Hubbard, Chairman of the Committee for the Future, Fairleigh Dickinson University N.J.

2. "The Future of Death and Immortality" by Dr. Irving H. Buchen, Prof. of English and Projector of Dreyfuss College of the Future, Fairleigh Dickinson University

3. "Comedy and the Infinite Finite" by Prof. Thomas Martin, Department of Theological Studies, U.D.

3:45 p.m. Coffee Break

4:00 p.m. Symposium II: Philosophy and Immortality. Chairman Dr. Xavier O. Monasterio, Department of Philosophy, U.D.

4. "The Immortality Thesis: Empirical Claim or Methodological Postulate" by Prof. Paul Tibbets, Department of Philosophy, U.D.

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5. "Mortality and Morality" by Dr. H. James Nersoyan, Department of Philosophy, U.D.

5:30 p.m. Cocktails and Dinner

7:30 p.m. Symposium III: Parapsychology and Immortality. Chairman Prof. Kenneth Kuntz, Department of Psychology, U.D.


7. "Parapsychology and the Survival of Bodily Death" by Dr. C. David Ensign, Prof. of Church History, Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio.

SATURDAY, March 4, 1972

9:00 a.m. Symposium IV: The Sciences and Immortality. Chairman Prof. Harold G. Fox, Department of Theological Studies, U.D.

8. "Thermodynamics and Life" by Dr. Frank Lambert, Prof. of Chemistry, Occidental College, California.


10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. Symposium V: Process Thought and Immortality. Chairman Prof. Ronald L. Disanto, Department of Theological Studies, U.D.

10. "The Possibility of Subjective Immortality in Whitehead's Philosophy" by Dr. David R. Griffin, Department of Theological Studies, U.D.

12:15 p.m. Lunch