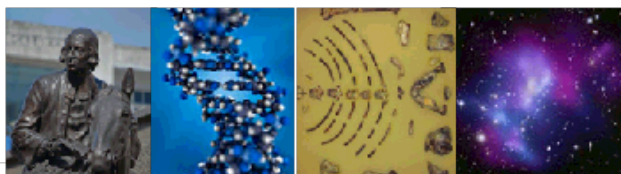


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Dear WesleyNexus Colleague:

WesleyNexus has posted a number of events that will take place during the latter half of February, 2012. Most are in the Mid-Atlantic region.

- February 18, 2012 – “Beyond Evolution: Religious Questions in Science Classrooms,” at the AAAS Annual Conference in Vancouver, Canada.
- February 19, 2012 – “The Spirit in the Synapse: Did God Create the Brain, or Did the Brain Create God?” a presentation & discussion by Dr. Jeffrey C. Pugh, Powell Professor of Religious Studies, Elon University, at Christ Crossman United Methodist Church, 384 N. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA 22046.
- February 21, 2012 – “The Mystical Experience: Insights from Psilocybin Research,” by Dr. Roland Griffiths, Professor of Behavioral Biology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, an event sponsored by The Institute for Science and Judaism and Oseh Shalom Congregation, 7515 Olive BranchWay, Laurel, MD 20707.
- February 24, 2012 - “The Book Nobody Read: A Closer Look at the Book that Moved the World, Copernicus’ De revolutionibus,” by Dr. Owen Gingerich, Professor Emeritus of Astronomy and of the History of Science at Harvard University, program at Messiah College in Grantham, PA
- February 25, 2012 – “Journey of the Universe,” a film screening and lecture by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, with afternoon workshop at the National Cathedral, Washington, DC.
- March 2-3, 2012 – “Science and Theology: Evolution, Intelligent Design, and Critical Thinking,” a presentation by Kenneth J. Collins, Professor of Historical Theology and Wesley Studies, Asbury Theological Seminary, at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan theological Society, being held at Trivecca Nazarene Seminary, Nashville, TN. Responses: Thomas Jay Oord, Professor of Theology and Philosophy, Northwest Nazarene University, and Maynard Moore, WesleyNexus: Science and Religion within the Wesleyan Tradition.

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On February 12, 2012, in celebration of Evolution Sunday, 45 people gathered at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church in Washington, DC to hear about the private specimen collection of Alfred Russel Wallace. The collection was discovered thirty years ago by Robert Heggstad, then a young lawyer, when he purchased a chest of drawers in 1979 for \$600 at an antique shop in Arlington, VA. The collection has been authenticated and now is in the possession of the Smithsonian. Wallace, while in the field in Malaysia, sent his letter to Darwin outlining the theory of evolution by natural selection, which was presented to the Linnaean Society in London in 1858 along with Darwin's paper – and the rest is history. Heggstad provided poster-size photographs of many of the beetles, butterflies, spiders and shells found in this priceless collection. You can get a sense of the collection by viewing the video produced by the National Science Foundation called "[Cabinet of Wonders: Personal Collection of Alfred Russel Wallace](#)".

If you know of any events near you that we should post, please send an email to WesleyNexus@aol.com

God Bless,
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