2019 Apologetics Series: FAITH ENGAGING IDEAS

Saturday afternoon - July 13, 2-5pm
The Strange Modern Invention of Being an Image Without God
Dick Keyes, Director Emeritus, L’Abri, Massachusetts

Dick Keyes is Director Emeritus of L’Abri Fellowship in Southborough, Massachusetts, where he has worked with his wife, Mardi, since 1979. He holds a B.A. in History from Harvard University, and an M.Div. from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He is the author of Beyond Identity, True Heroism, Chameleon Christianity, Seeing Through Cynicism, and essays in Finding God at Harvard, ed. Kelly Monroe, and the New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics.

Liberty and Justice for Women?
Mardi Keyes, author & lecturer

Mardi Keyes is an alum of the Northfield School for Girls, and a graduate of Wellesley College with a Biblical History degree. Mardi lectures on a variety of topics, including hospitality, the problem of evil, the family, the Christian mind, feminism and other gender issues. In her lectures and writing, Mardi relates Biblical teaching to social history and contemporary culture.

The C.S. Lewis Study Center is privileged to host the above two seminars as part of the “Kissed by the Son: Revive and Reform!” conference held July 12-14, 2019 in Northfield, MA. For complete conference information, please see www.firstloveworks.org.

Friday evening - July 26, 7-8:30 pm
Francis Schaeffer: The Heart of His Apologetics
Gayne J. Anacker, Ph.D.

In his ground-breaking work in the 1960s and 1970s, Francis Schaeffer, the noted Reformed theologian, Christian apologist and Founder of L’Abri Fellowship, presented a new and powerful defense of the intellectual power and appeal of Christian faith. I argue that, in veiled fashion, it frequently employs an argument form known as Argument to the Best Explanation. Today, recognition of this relevant pattern of reasoning helps situate Schaeffer’s thinking on the fideist - presuppositionalist – evidentialist/rationalist spectrum of apologetics—as a species of moderate or soft-rationalist apologetics.

Saturday morning - July 27, 10 – 11:30 am
Atheism to Idealism: Two Early Stages in C.S. Lewis' Spiritual Journey
Gayne J. Anacker, Ph.D.

Lewis' remarkable spiritual journey to mature Christian faith is marked by several distinct stages. After the ardent but immature Christian faith of his youth and early adolescence, Lewis became a materialist atheist, and then an Idealist (before becoming a Pantheist, then a Theist, and finally a Christian!). In considering these important stages in Lewis' spiritual journey, we come to understand better the intellectual reasoning that undergirds a solidly Christian faith stance.

Gayne J. Anacker, Ph.D., is Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Honors Program at California Baptist University and Board Chair, C.S. Lewis Study Center. He co-edited Contemporary Perspectives on C.S. Lewis' "The Abolition of Man": History, Philosophy, Education, and Science, and contributed the essay, “Narnia and the Moral Imagination” to The Chronicles of Narnia and Philosophy: The Lion, the Witch, and the Worldview. He writes and speaks on C.S. Lewis, epistemology, intellectual history, virtue ethics, and the philosophy of religion.

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