

Dr. Niebuhr:

'Faith Is An Organizing Human Action Principal'

Faith, in a larger sense, is an organizing principle in every area of human action, not in religion alone, Dr. H. Richard Niebuhr, noted American theologian from the Yale Divinity School, said Friday night.

In his concluding address in the Montgomery Lecture Series at the Love Library auditorium at the University of Nebraska, Dr. Niebuhr said the question of radical monotheism (the faith that holds there is only one god and all that exists originates in him and is therefore good) in politics, science and art must be distinguished from the question of the influence of religion on other spheres of culture.

"It is one thing to ask how religion has influenced modern democracy; it is another, though related question, to inquire what faiths, in what God or gods, form the context of our democratic beliefs and practices," Dr. Niebuhr said. "The dogma of human equality is an irrational dogma when the fundamental frame of reference in which we employ it is that of ultimate concern for some finite principle of being.

"If biological existence is that principle it is evident that not all men are equally endowed with biological power-to-be or equally good for the continuation of the species. If rationality of Reason is the center of value for us then men are not equal. But such statements of fact about human inequality are based on faiths, to the extent that the mind has come to rest on some principle as the final one to which it will make reference, and that loyalty has chosen something finite as its cause.

"The dogma of human equality is sometimes maintained today as a dogma of national faith. It is because the nation has declared that all men are equal; or it is because all citizens are equally related to the nation that they feel duty-bound to treat their companions as equally entitled to the rights of citizenship.

But the national faith does not allow us to assert the dogma of human equality. We must have at least humanity as the society in which we trust and to which we will be loyal as our sphere of faith if we are to maintain the doctrine of human equality. Historically and today the dogma of equality has been the rational consequence of trust in the principle of being itself as God and of loyalty to the universe of his rule.

It has me, for us that every judgment we make about human worth must be seen as provisional and for limited purposes, while we ascribe to every man a citizenship in the realm of being that transcends the realms of nationality, of rationality, and even of life. We are bound to treat men, when we act in the frame of reference

radical monotheism establishes, as having been elected into being by the ultimate God beyond all gods, and as those who can make a final appeal to a universal court of justice, where all our decisions can be overruled.

In the case of science radical monotheism seems to appear in the stubbornness with which the scientific enterprise clings to the postulate that the universe hangs together and that things are ultimately intelligible, even though we do not yet understand them or their inter-relations.

It appears also, perhaps particularly, in the faithlessness of scientific discipline. Laymen trust scientists today not simply because they are experts in knowledge but because their community has been disciplined in faithfulness.

"The ethics of science is often ignored in the philosophy of science. One aspect of that ethics seems to be the decision to speak truth universally, to keep faith with all neighbors to whom the truth about things is communicated.

But in science, too, there seems to be some conflict between the kind of orientation and faith which is concerned for knowledge because of the practical, technological improvements it will bring to a limited society, and the kind of orientation we find in basic research where knowledge is not so much regarded as something good for man but man regarded as one who finds his meaning in knowing what lies beyond him.

In the language of religion there is a science that serves the closed society and a science that serves the 'glory of God,' tho of course scientists will not want to use that expression."

Professors To Hold Psychology Clinic

An educational psychology clinic will be held in Sidney public schools Monday and Tuesday Dr. Marshall Hiskey, clinic director and professor of educational psychology and measurements at the University said.

Other members of the clinical team are: Howard Tempero, associate professor; Joseph Sadnavitch, instructor; and William Carraker of the State Department of Education.

Brooklyn Trip

One of the Hungarian refugees, Sara Laszlo, would like to go to Brooklyn to spend spring vacation with her cousin, according to Barbara Sharp, chairman of the Hungarian Student Project.

If anyone is driving to the Brooklyn vicinity for spring vacation, they are asked to call Barbara Sharp at 2-4328.

4-H President

Joan Norris was installed as the new president of the University 4-H Club at a meeting March 20 in the Agronomy building.

Other officers installed include: Jerry Rainforth, vice president; Beverly Shephardson, secretary; Bob Volk, treasurer; Mary Seberger, publicity chairman; Mary Vrba, song leader.

Spring Day

There will be a meeting of the Spring Day Parade committee on Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Room 313 of the Union.

Alexander Chosen As FFA Judge

M. A. Alexander, professor of animal husbandry at the University Ag College, has been selected as a judge for the fifth annual national Future Farmers of America judging contest sponsored by Charles Pfizer and Co. at Terre Haute, Ind., this spring.

Professor Alexander has coached University livestock judging teams at the University for the past 26 years.

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Easter Vesper Rehearsal

Practicing for the Sigma Alpha Iota's annual Easter Vesper service are: left to right: Mary Lou Gunlicks, Mrs. Lindsey Merrill, Rosemary Weeks, Marilyn Hammond and Willis Rosenthal.

Annual Vesper Scheduled

Sigma Alpha Iota, professional music honorary, will present their annual Easter vesper service Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Chapel.

Mary Louise Gunlicks will direct the service and Mrs. Lindsey Merrill will be the accompanist. The program will include both choral and instrumental music.

The following numbers will be: "Vere Languores Nostros" by In- presented: "Prelude," "Herzliebste Jesu," "A Vos Omnes", "Vitoria: 'Jesu, Holy Spirit', by Mozart: "Andante" and "Allegro Scherzando" will be resented by an instrumental quartet with Willis Rosenthal, flute; Rosemary Weeks, violin; Marilyn Hammond, viola, and Mrs. Lindsey Merrill organist.

"Crucifixus", B-Minor Mass, by Bach; "Sanctus" by Chesnokoff; four Easter carols and, Prelude; "Alles ist Gottes Segen" by Karg-Elert.

Union To Sponsor Photo Competition

The Union Arts and Exhibits Committee will sponsor the third annual all-University photography contest in the Union lounge May 7. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each of four classes which are: News, Sports, Human Interest, Portrait and Character Sketches.

Contest rules are: 1. Any person regularly enrolled in the University is eligible. 2. No photographer may enter more than four prints in any class or more than twelve in all.

3. Pictures must be 3 by 10 inches or larger, and must be mounted on standard 16 by 20 inch boards. 4. Pictures must have been made within the period of April 30, 1956 and April 30, 1957. The sponsors exercise every precaution in handling, but cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage of pictures.

5. The photographer classifies all prints entered, but the judges maintain the right to change the classifications at their discretion. 6. All entries must have official entry forms attached to the back.

Copyrighted pictures must be accompanied by release. Entry forms will be available in the Student Activities office in the Union when pictures are submitted.

7. Any money obtained from sales of prints will go to the photographer. Your sponsors do, however, retain the privilege of reproducing winning pictures in newspaper publications such as the Daily Nebraskan, the Lincoln Journal and Star and the Omaha World Herald. All pictures remain the property of the photographer except the winners entry becomes a part of the permanent Student Union Photo Exhibit. Winners may be asked to submit a glossy print for publication. 8. All photos must be turned into the Union Activities Office no later than five o'clock, April 30.

Original Art Display

Delta Phi Delta, honorary art fraternity, has a display of original paintings in the main lounge of the Union.

The University students represented are Janet Lunnough, Lucille Makepeace, Jim Cantrell, Jim McCongill, Ann D'Angelo, Ann Beynon, Marilee Plymale, Ray Schultze, Jane Lamourd, Janne Bender, Connie Geisler, Sharon Finerty and Audrey Pyle.

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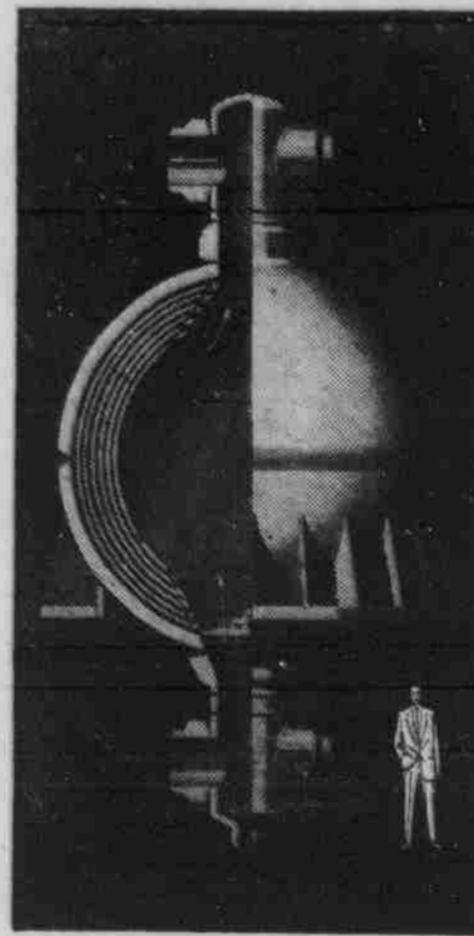
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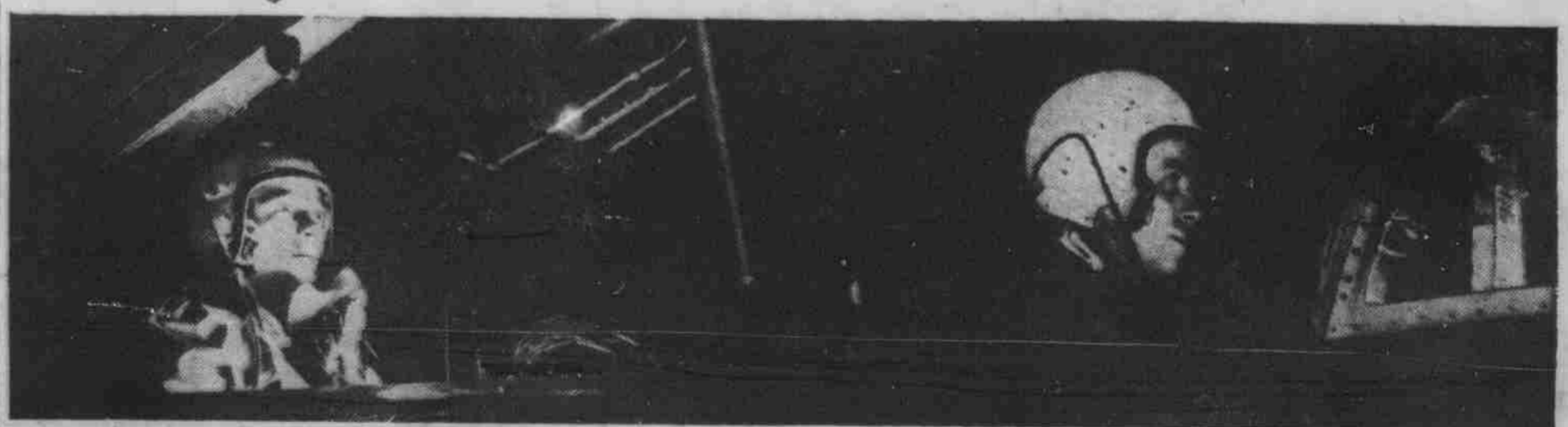
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Lecture Series To Feature Van Overbeek

Dr. J. Van Overbeek, Plant Physiologist for the Agricultural Research Division of the Shell Development Company, will give a series of lectures on plant hormones (auxins) beginning Monday at the invitation of the Department of Botany.

Dr. Van Overbeek is one of the world's authorities on plant hormones, according to Dr. Weaver, Associate Professor of Botany. Dr. Overbeek has also just completed a review of this subject which will be published in Botanical Review.

His schedule of talks includes: Monday, 7:30 p.m., Bessey Hall Auditorium, "Introduction to the Auxins"; Tuesday, 3:30 p.m., Keim Hall 244, a discussion of gibberellins, and 7:30 p.m., Bessey Hall Auditorium, "Biochemistry of Natural Auxins"; Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., Keim Hall 244, "Synthetic Auxins"; Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Bessey Hall Auditorium, "Plant Hormones in Agriculture"; and Friday, 7:30 p.m., Bessey Hall Auditorium, a general review and question period.

The Thursday lecture, "Plant Hormones in Agriculture" will concern interesting practical applications of our knowledge of plant hormones, and the lecture will be illustrated.

Johnson Elected Senate President

Claire Johnson has been elected president of the Maxwell Senate of Delta Theta Phi law fraternity at the University; it was announced today.

He succeeds James Phillips. Other new officers: Harvey Goh, vice president; Bruce Barton, secretary; John Fries, Jr., treasurer; Lawrence Murphy, clerk of the roll and Gerald Adcock, balliff.

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