TRUTH IN SCIENCE, THE HUMANITIES, AND RELIGION

The proceedings of the International Balzan Symposium now published

Milano, July 1, 2010 - Springer Science+ Business Media have just published a book collecting the proceedings of the International Balzan Symposium "Truth in Science, the Humanities, and Religion", held in Lugano in May 2008. Edited in English by MEH Nicolette Mout and Werner Stauffacher, is available through the Springer retail network (www.springer.com).

The Balzan Symposium "Truth in Science, the Humanities, and Religion" was held on May 16-17, 2008 in Lugano, in the Auditorium of the Università della Svizzera italiana and was attended by scholars with various scientific, philosophical and religious backgrounds.

The question of what we mean by “the truth” is central to many areas of contemporary debate, between those who seek fundamental truth in religious texts and those who subscribe to a post-enlightenment view of the world as well as among those who believe that there are absolute truths and those who believe facts to be social constructs.

The subject was addressed in two days of debate over four sessions: Philosophy, Mathematics-Physics-Cosmology, Biology-Biodiversity-Sustainability; History-Social Sciences, Theology-Religion: four different and complementary keys to interpretation, which form the content of the book.

The proceedings reflect the guiding principle of the International Balzan Symposium: to stimulate dialogue which will lead to a better mutual understanding of what are all too often seen as irreconcilable points of view.

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