

**AFTER DARWIN**

**Responses to Darwinism from Jewish, Christian and Islamic traditions, 21-23 July.**

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**Trinity College at The University of Melbourne, Melbourne College of Divinity, Australasian Theological Forum**

*After Darwin* presents responses to Darwinism from Jewish, Christian and Islamic traditions. While some consider religion and Darwinism to offer opposed accounts of the kind of world we live in, there have always been those who espoused both. The oppositional stories are widely treated as the dominant stories about religion and Darwinism. The conference draws attention to issues involved in holding religious traditions with integrity and publically espousing Darwinism.

Participants are also invited to explore the difference a positive engagement between Darwinism and religion can make to the ways in which we understand our lives, compared to only espousing one of these. What difference, for example, do such positive engagements make to understanding our lives in a more than human context, both ecologically and theologically?

**Registration for *After Darwin***

Full Registration (incl. all morning and afternoon teas and lunches) \$150 , students/non-waged \$75

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Dietary requirements:  Vegan  Vegetarian  Other .....

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**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
Wood Theatre University of Melbourne

- 7.30pm **"Clumsy, wasteful, blundering, low and horridly cruel": Darwinian nature and its challenge to theodicy.** Christopher Southgate, Department of Theology, Exeter University.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**  
Centre for Theology and Ministry, 1 Morrison Place Parkville

- 9.30am **A Christian Response to Darwinism**  
Philip Batterham, Professor of Genetics, The University of Melbourne
- 11.30am **Darwin in his Day**  
David Young, Principal Fellow in Zoology, The University of Melbourne
- 2.00pm **Islamic Responses to Darwinism**  
Muhammad Kamal, Senior Lecturer, Islamic Studies, Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne
- 4.00pm Electives
- 5.00pm Finish

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**  
Centre for Theology and Ministry, 1 Morrison Place Parkville

- 9.30am **Jewish Responses to Darwinism**  
Steven Praver, Professor of Physics, The University of Melbourne
- 11.30am **Darwin and Emergent Probability: Lonergan's 'Foray into Evolution'**  
Robin Koning SJ, Lecturer in Systematic Theology, The United Faculty of Theology, Parkville.
- 2.00pm **Why would God use Darwinian evolution to bring life into existence? Is this a fair question? If so, is there a fair answer?**  
Stephen Ames, Lecturer, History and Philosophy of Science, The University of Melbourne.
- 3.45pm **Plenary Discussion by participants: "What I will do with what the conference has offered?"/ "Important questions on Darwinism and Religion evoked by the conference?"/ What difference do positive engagements make to understanding our lives in a more than human context, both ecologically and theologically?**
- 4.30pm Finish