The Cross and The Book

Sacred and Secular in the Age of Browning

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"The Cross and the Book" symposium will feature a morning panel discussion on secularization and higher education in the 19th century, and afternoon lectures by Timothy Larsen (Wheaton College) and Philip Jenkins (Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion).

Ever since the Enlightenment, Western Christians have striven to come to terms with modernity and modern science, to understand the impact of advances in geology, astronomy, and higher criticism of Scripture, and to assess how these insights should be incorporated into education. In some eras such struggles became central to public debate and even national politics, never more so than in the rich intellectual flowering of Victorian England.

In 2012, Baylor is commemorating the bicentennial of the birth of Robert Browning, the towering literary genius who exemplifies these debates. Given Baylor's astonishing collection of Browning materials at the Armstrong Browning Library, it is highly appropriate for our university to host this event commemorating his achievements, and especially the cultural world of his day, when faith and science seemed so inextricably linked.

PANEL DISCUSSION

10:30 am Cox Lecture Hall, Armstrong Browning Library

Stephen G. Alter
Gordon College

Susan Hanssen
University of Dallas

Andrea Turpin
Baylor University

LECTURES

McLean Meditation Chamber, Armstrong Browning Library

2:00 pm
Philip Jenkins
Baylor University

3:45 pm
Timothy Larsen
Wheaton College

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