Dr. Paul Tillich Visits Rice

Prof. Paul J. Tillich

Religious Emphasis Week Spokesman

Tuesday, April 4:
10:00 am—Lecture, Hamman Hall. Students only.
12:15 pm—Lunch, Baker College.
4:30-6:30 pm—Tea and Dinner at Jones College.
8:15 pm—Lecture, public invited.

Wednesday, April 5:
10:00 am—Lecture, students only.
6:00 pm—Dinner, Hansen College (tentative).
8:15 pm—Lecture, public invited.

Thursday, April 6:
9:00 am—Lecture, students only.
12:15 pm—Lunch, Will Rice College.
6:00 pm—Dinner, Hansen College (tentative).
8:15 pm—Lecture, public invited.

THE DYNAMICS OF FAITH...

Tillich: ‘Neither Faith Nor Doubt Can Be Eliminated From Man As Man’

“One thin line of faith is life is faith of ultimate concern and no human being can exist completely without such concern, we can say: Neither faith nor doubt can be eliminated from man as man.”

In his book, The Dynamics of Faith, Dr. Paul Tillich examines the nature of faith, and concludes that all men have it. ALL MEN, HE says, have an ultimate concern which is the “centered movement of the whole personality toward something of ultimate meaning and significance.” Success and nationalism are common ultimate concerns today.

The criticisms of the truth of faith are: 1) whether or not it is alive and 2) that it expresses the ultimate which is really all ultimate. These sources of ultimate concern which are not really ultimate, such as success and nationalism, may be considered idolatries.

FAITH AND SCIENCE are not mutually exclusive, but belong in different dimensions. One cannot reject the other; whenever conflict arises it is because one of them has stepped into the dimension of the other.

Doubt is a necessary part of faith because it is on the part of a finite being for the infinite. Wherever there is absolute certainty, faith ceases, and fanaticism begins. There is also a matter of risk that is considered ultimate may be transitory. According to Dr. Tillich, “seriousness of doubt is confirmation of faith. It indicates the seriousness of the concern, its unconditional character.”

He discusses what faith is. It is not an act of knowledge with a low degree of evidence. Neither is it belief or trust in authorities, nor the will to believe. “Faith is the state of ultimate concern claims the whole man and cannot be restricted to the subjectivity of mere feeling.” It is not emotive.

The language of faith is symbol because the ultimate can be discussed in no other way. The “symbol” stands for something beyond itself and participates in the reality thereof. A “myth” is a construction of symbols of ultimate concern.

A MYTH WHICH is “broken” is understood for its symbolic interpretation of reality. An “unbroken” myth is one which is believed literally. According to Dr. Tillich, Christianity denies the broken myth because such literalism is idiosyncratic and restricts the utility of symbols.

He examines the types of faith: ecstatic, personal, sacred, mental, moral, mystical, and rational. “Only if Christianity is able to regain a real experience of this unity of the divergent types of faith can it express its claim to answer the questions and to fulfill the dynamics of the history of faith in past and future.”

—ANN KRIEGEL

Students, Faculty To Hear Harvard’s Noted Theologian

Professor Paul J. Tillich of Harvard University begins a series of lectures this morning, Tuesday, initiating Rice University’s Religious Emphasis Week, 1961.

Having arrived yesterday afternoon, Dr. Tillich will be the guest of the University until Friday, when he will return to Harvard.

During R-E Week, he will deliver two lectures a day in Hamman Hall; however, only the evening lectures will be open to the general public. This should enable the Rice student’s being able to get a seat for at least one of Dr. Tillich’s lectures.

Dr. Tillich will also have various opportunities to talk to Rice students informally such as at the Jones tea this afternoon and at meals in the different colleges.

It is hoped that all students will take advantage of this opportunity to hear one of the world’s most renowned contemporary theologians.

RE Week Instituted To Focus Attention On Campus Religion

Religious Emphasis Week was established eight years ago largely due to the efforts of Dr. Men at that time, Guy McReady, and since then it has brought a distinguished theologian to the Rice campus every two years.

Dr. Paul J. Tillich of Harvard University will be the fifth speaker to come to Rice as part of Religious Emphasis Week. Others in this series have been Dr. George Buttrick, also of Harvard; Dr. Joseph Sittert, of the University of Chicago; Dr. Ed McCready, now Chancellor of the University of the South; and Dr. Theodore M. Greene, of Yale University.

THE PURPOSE Of Religious Emphasis Week has been to call attention to religion on the college campus. It is a general custom, a time set apart in some way or another, at most universities throughout the nation, and it has attempted to bring the student into closer contact with outstanding professors of religious thought.

In the past, all of the Religious Emphasis Week speakers, with the exception of Dr. McLain, have published their evening lectures, which have been given under the Rockwell Lecture program.

The participation of the Rice student in Religious Emphasis Week in past years has been very good, and he has been given the chance to do much of the planning involved in bringing these thinkers to the campus.
A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH... 

Tillich Had To Leave Germany As a Critic of Nazism In 1933

Paul Tillich was born in Stadt-
سلح، كريستيان نورماندر، and August 20, 1886, the son of Joh- 

hannes Tillich, a Lutheran minis-

ter, and Mathilde (Duruelse) Til-

lich. Dr. Tillich married Hannah 

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