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Neurotheology and the Varieties of Spiritual Experience

FEATURED SPEAKER

Dr. Andrew Newberg
Neuroscientist, Researcher, Physician and Author

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 • 7 p.m.
Main Campus Student Center, Ballrooms A-C
No Ticket Required

This lecture will explore the field of neurotheology – the neurological study of religious and spiritual experiences. It will review various studies, including brain scan studies and survey responses, that give insight into the relationship between the brain and spirituality. Implications for understanding the brain and body, as well as the impact of spiritual experiences, will be discussed.

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Andrew Newberg is a neuroscientist, the director of research at the Marcus Institute of Integrative Health, and a physician at Jefferson University Hospital. He is a pioneer in the field of neurotheology.

Newberg's publications include 14 books, which have been translated into 17 languages, and over 250 peer-reviewed articles and chapters on brain function, brain imaging, and the study of religious and mystical experiences. He was listed as one of the 30 Most Influential Neuroscientists Alive Today by the Online Psychology Degree Guide. He has been featured in several major media, including *Newsweek*, *Time*, *National Geographic*, *Discover*, *The New York Times*, *O*, *The Oprah Magazine*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Observer* (London), *Forbes*, *The Washington Post*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Reader's Digest*. He has appeared on *The Dr. Oz Show*, *StarTalk* with Neil deGrasse Tyson, *Good Morning America*, *Nightline*, *20/20*, CNN and *ABC World News Tonight*, as well as in the nationally distributed films *What the Bleep Do We Know?*, *Bill Maher's Religulous*, and *Awake: The Life of Yogananda*.