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Mind and Reality Symposium at Columbia Bringing Together Scholars from Diverse Fields to Tackle Issues of Consciousness

What: Mind and Reality: A Multidisciplinary Symposium on Consciousness
Hosted by the Columbia Center for the Study of Science and Religion with support from the John E. Fetzer Institute

Who: Twenty-five prominent scholars in the fields of cognitive science, physics, biology, Buddhism and Hinduism

Keynote Speakers: Owen Flanagan and Alan Wallace

Panelists: Georges B. J. Dreyfus (Buddhism), Stephen H. Phillips (Hinduism), Ned Block (philosophy of mind), Susan Carey (developmental psychology), Gary A. Tubb, (Indic philosophy), Evan Thompson (philosophy of mind), Joseph LeDoux (neuroscience), and Robert Van Gulick (philosophy of mind), Mark Siderits (philosophy), Paul Gailey (physics), Piet Hut (astrophysics), W. Teed Rockwell (philosophy), Robert A. F. Thurman (Buddhism), Robert Pollack (biology), Gareth Sparham (Buddhism), Edith Wyschogrod (philosophy), & Jay Garfield (philosophy & Buddhism).

When: Saturday, February 25, 8:30am-6:00 pm;
Sunday, February 26, 8:30 am-5:00pm

Where: Columbia University, the rotunda of Low Memorial Library, 116th Street and Broadway.

For directions & symposium details go to:
<http://mindandreality.org>
<http://blog.mindandreality.org>

*** Members of the press are welcome to attend our cocktail reception with panelists on Sunday at 5:30 pm in the Faculty Room.**

Do the religious traditions of Buddhism and Hinduism have anything to contribute to the current discussion of human consciousness? This weekend, twenty-five of the Academy's most outstanding scholars will gather in the historic rotunda of Low Memorial Library at Columbia University to debate this question at *Mind & Reality: A Multidisciplinary Symposium on Consciousness* (www.mindandreality.org).

With support from the John E. Fetzer Institute, this event is being hosted by the Center for the Study of Science and Religion (CSSR) and is dedicated to enriching the diversity of contemporary consciousness studies. Each one of its five panels—Knowledge, Experience, Wisdom, Meditation and Ethics—will explore the relationship between mind and reality from the perspectives of different hot-button issues.