

Note on Panelists

John Milbank, now Professor in Religion, Politics and Ethics at the University of Nottingham, was formerly the Francis Meyers Ball professor of philosophical theology at the University of Virginia. He received a Ph.D. from Birmingham University and a Doctor of Divinity from Cambridge. While at Cambridge, Milbank emerged as the leader of “Radical Orthodoxy,” a movement in revolt against liberalism and dedicated to meeting the challenge of postmodern and deconstructionist thinkers on their own territory. He is the author of *Theology and Social Theory: Beyond Secular Reason* (1990); *The Word Made Strange: Theology, Language, Culture* (1997); co-editor of *Radical Orthodoxy: A New Theology* (1999); and co-author with Catherine Pickstock of *Truth in Aquinas* (2001). He is working on a trilogy (Gift and Sacrifice) and on other books. Advance chapters of the first volume of that trilogy, *Being Reconciled: Ontology and Pardon*, were sent to the Forum panelists, who were free to deal either with these chapters, a theme arising out of them, or some other aspect of the author’s work. Milbank’s own account of the program of Radical Orthodoxy is found in *Radical Orthodoxy? A Catholic Inquiry*, ed. Laurence Paul Hemming (2000).

A. James Reimer, organizer of the Milbank Forum, is founding Director of the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre and a professor at Conrad Grebel University College. He is the author of *Mennonites and Classical Theology: Dogmatic Foundations for Christian Ethics* (2001), *Paul Tillich: Theologian of Nature, Culture and Politics* (2004), and numerous articles published in *The Conrad Grebel Review* and other venues.

Malinda Elizabeth Berry is a student in the doctoral program at Union Theological Seminary (New York). Her advisor in Systematic Theology is Dr. James Cone, and her primary research interests are the authority of scripture and theological anthropology.

Chris K. Huebner, assistant professor of Theology and Ethics at Candian Mennonite University, is a graduate of Duke University, where he studied under Stanley Hauerwas. His Ph.D. dissertation, *Unhandling History: Antitheory, Ethics, and the Practice of Witness*, attempts to develop a nonviolent epistemology, drawing on the work of Alasdair MacIntyre, John Milbank, and John Howard Yoder. He is co-editor of *The Wisdom of the Cross: Essays in Honour of John Howard Yoder*, and has published in *Scottish Journal of Theology*, *MQR*, and *CGR*.

P. Travis Kroeker, a professor of Religious Studies at McMaster University, received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. His teaching and research focus on the place of theology and ethics in western thought and culture. His books are *Remembering the End: Dostoevsky as Prophet to Modernity*, with Bruce Ward (2001) and *Christian Ethics and Political Economy in North America* (1995). He has written articles on such topics as Luther and the radical reformers, Oliver O'Donovan and John Howard Yoder, spirituality and therapy in secular culture, and the theological politics of Plato and Isaiah.

Laura Schmidt Roberts is on the Biblical and Religious Studies faculty at Fresno Pacific University. She is currently on leave, completing a doctorate in systematic and philosophical theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. Her paper was not available for publication.

Gerald W. Schlabach is associate professor of Theology at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. In the 1980s he worked with the Mennonite Central Committee, including five years in Nicaragua and Honduras. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame, and has taught at Bluffton College. His most recent book is *For the Joy Set Before Us: Augustine and Self-Denying Love*. He is co-chair of a steering committee called "Bridge Folk: A Movement of Grass Roots Dialogue and Unity Between Mennonites and Roman Catholics."