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## ECUMENISM & COMMUNITY

# Vandervelde speaks at Vatican Synod

by Robert VanderVennen

**W**hen George Vandervelde was invited to attend the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops held in Rome from November 16 to December 12, he used his eight-minute opportunity to address the whole Synod to issue a challenge to the Roman Catholic Church. Vandervelde, ICS Senior Member in Systematic Theology, had the honour of being the only Canadian non-Catholic to be invited to attend. He told the Synod that the power of the real community that exists among the very diverse churches of Christ is shown by the fact that both the Canadian Catholic Church and his own denomination, the Christian Reformed Church, became full members last spring of the Canadian Council of Churches, the group he represented in Rome.

The call to this church unity does not come first from the urgent problems which face our world today, said Vandervelde, but "from within the heart of our being confessors of the one Christ." Ecumenism is not an extra but, as Pope John Paul II has written, "stands at the very heart of Christ's mission."

Yet Vandervelde expressed concern that two facts suggest that the Catholic Church does not consider ecumenism to be central to the nature and task of the church. One of these is that in the working documents written in preparation for the Synod, ecumenism is not found in the section on conversion, even though the Second Vatican Council connects ecumenism with conversion. The other reason is that there is no evidence of the pain of ecclesiastical division nor of a passion for the quest for greater unity.

The question Vandervelde raised for this Synod was "whether the brokenness of the church is not a prolonged, festering wound in the side of Christ, a protracted pain." If so, "must not the question of ecumenism arise in the theological core of a document that openly speaks of the Church in all of America [that is, North and South America]?"

Vandervelde challenged the Synod to "foster a vision that stimulates rather than slackens the

search for unity of the church." Unspoken is the negative way the Catholic Church in Latin America relates with the Protestant churches there, which it frequently refers to as "the sects."

The theme of the Synod was "Encounter with the Living Jesus Christ: The Way to Conversion, Communion and Solidarity in America."

Vandervelde has written his personal reflections on the Synod and his participation in two two-page articles in *Christian Courier* issues of January 23 and 30.

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**George Vandervelde in earnest conversation with Pope John Paul II.**

# Foolish Wisdom (Reflections on 1 Corinthians 1)



**“  
God wants to  
end the  
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*[Christ sent me] to preach the gospel – not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross be emptied of its power. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ... [We] preach Christ crucified: Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength*

1 Corinthians 1: 17-20; 23-25

**Y**ou can understand why a passage like this makes people involved in higher education a bit defensive. At first glance it appears that the apostle Paul is dead set against all wisdom and philosophy, because robs the cross of its power. We can almost picture Paul going into the library at Corinth University, tipping over bookshelves and tossing the contents in the waste bin. Away with this foolishness!

Thank God, things are not that simple. In verse 24 Paul says that Christ is “the wisdom of God.” This is our clue that Paul thinks there are two kinds (or two *ways*) of wisdom, one rooted in “Christ crucified,” and one not. These two ways of wisdom stand in conflict. They start from different principles.

Paul’s attack is directed at the scholar and philosopher of *this age* (vs. 20). The gospel of the cross announces that this age is over. A major new chapter in world history has begun. Those who still pursue the wisdom of the old chapter are part of something that is on the way out, “perishing.” And those who are “being saved” are part of God’s new start.

The wisdom of this age (“human wisdom”) has no room for what God has done in Christ. It is caught in the web of human conceit which has plagued our race since Genesis 3. Almost from the beginning humans declared self-sufficiency from God and set conditions for what counts as wisdom and knowledge. Worldly wisdom proclaims that if God wants us to listen, he should demonstrate that he is at least as smart as we are. This is worldly wisdom’s conceit.

Paul knows that his message of a crucified Messiah is folly by the criteria of “this age.” Who, in the name of wisdom, would have dreamed up such a story? But with those who consider the gospel foolish, God fights fire with fire. As he does throughout the biblical story, God turns the tables.

“He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts,” says Mary’s song (Luke 1:51). God reveals the pretence of the wisdom of this age for what it is: foolishness. In so doing he shames the worldly wise—a most appropriate judgment for those puffed up with conceit.

God wants to end the pretence of human self-sufficiency once and for all, to bring his creatures back into fellowship with him. But God knows that a gospel measured against the criteria of “this age” is a gospel robbed of its power to heal the human condition. So God chooses a different way—the way of the crucified Christ. Commentator Gordon Fee puts it beautifully: “Had God consulted us for wisdom we could have given him a more workable plan, something that would attract ... the lover of wisdom. As it is, in his own wisdom he left us out of the consultation. We are thus left with the awful risk: trust God and be saved by his wise folly, or keep up our pretensions and “perish” (*The First Epistle to the Corinthians*, 77).

The good news is that the risk is worth it because, in Paul’s wordplay, the foolishness of God is wiser than our wisdom. For those who receive the gospel, Christ becomes the “wisdom of God.” “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,” says the writer of Proverbs. Paul updates this for the new covenant: accepting the foolishness of what God has done in Christ is the key to wisdom.

In 1 Corinthians Paul roundly criticizes worldly wisdom, knowledge which leaves the cross out of account. But this does not mean that Paul is against wisdom and knowledge. On the contrary. In 1 Corinthians Paul extends an invitation to let the foolishness of God be our guide as we pursue the love of wisdom.

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## "Inscriptions" is new art show at ICS

In the group art show called "Inscriptions: Earth and Body Mappings" which opened at ICS on January 30, artists George Langbroek, Nel Ottevangers and Mary Wagler celebrate the inscribed surfaces of the earth and its bodies with their colour viscosity etchings, dyed and quilted canvases and screenprints, says ICS art curator Ruth Kerkham. A feature of the opening was a performance on the fretted dulcimer by Debbie Carroll.

Kerkham has also arranged an art exhibition at ICS starting mid-March, running until the end of April. Four artists who will exhibit are Monique Sliedrecht, a mixed-media artist from Iowa, Klaas Hart, a realist from Toronto, Goldwin Guenther, a photographer and designer from St. Catharines, and John Sharp, a professional photographer from Midland who will be showing some works from Central America where he worked as a photo journalist.

At the opening of this second show on March 27 there will be poetry readings by John Terpstra and Linda Siebenga. Terpstra will be reading from his new book of poetry, "The Church Not Made With Hands," which has just been published in February.

For more information phone Ruth Kerkham at (416) 253-1105.



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## Art Talks!

The Ruth Memorial Series on the Arts & Culture

Canadian author **Rudy Wiebe** will be the special guest speaker for this year's second annual **Art Talks! Ruth Memorial Series on the Arts and Culture**. One of Canada's finest writers, Wiebe comes from the Mennonite faith tradition and has received many Canadian literary awards for his work, including twice winning the Governor General's Award.

Wiebe will present his reflections on the topic **Finding a**

**Writer's Life**, considering the questions: Can you work to become a writer the way you plan and work to become a lawyer or a figure skater? Or do you grow a writer, like a field of wheat or an apple tree grows?

The evening will be moderated by the chair of the Art Talks! committee this year, professor Hugh Cook from Redeemer College, Ancaster, Ontario. *Art Talks! The Ruth Memorial Series on the Arts and Culture* is named in honour of Ruth Neuerburg, mother of Inès Naudin ten Cate, the wife of ICS Senior Member Emeritus Calvin Seerveld. Mrs. Neuerburg gave a generous bequest supporting this series in

order to ensure that the ICS aesthetics program explores and displays the inventive ability and rich diversity of the arts in all forms.

Please join us on March 13 at 7:30 PM in the Toronto United Mennonite Church, 1774 Queen Street East (1 block east of Kingston Road). Parking and admission are free.

For more information contact **Connie Kuipers** at 416-979-2331 or toll free at 1-888-326-5347, extension 225, or by email at [ckuipers@icscanada.edu](mailto:ckuipers@icscanada.edu).

# 1998 Be there! Summer Conferences

Join the ICS communities in Ontario and Alberta this summer for two exciting and challenging summer conferences. Tell your family and friends, and reserve the weekend now! Brochures will be mailed shortly if you are on our list, or call the numbers below for more information.

## ICS Alberta Family Conference *Economic Stewardship: Work, Family & Society*

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Elwil Beukes, *Professor of Economics at The King's University College*

**Conference Features:** Keynote speeches, group discussions, children and teen programs, returning rock band formerly known as Heart Attack, worship services, fun and fellowship

**Date:** July 31-August 3, 1998  
(holiday weekend)

**Location:** Deer Valley Meadows  
(near Lacombe)

**Alberta Contact:** Jim Choles at 403-455-4812 for more information.

## ICS Ontario Summer Conference

*Proclaim Jubilee! A New Beginning*

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Bob Goudzwaard, *Professor of Economics and Social Theory at the Free University, Amsterdam*, author of *Beyond Poverty and Affluence: Towards a Canadian Economy of Care*

**New Date:** August 7,8,9 (and 10 optional)  
**New Location:** Maple Grove Christian Retreat Centre, Thamesford, Ontario (near Ingersoll), which features Great Camping (serviced sites) plus cabins or dorms, dining facilities, outdoor pool, nature trails, beach volleyball and more

**Conference Features:** Keynote speeches, workshops, worship, songfests, teen programs, Camp ICS for kids 5-12, child care, theatre production, arts exhibition, sports, fun and fellowship

**Contact:** Connie Kuipers, *Conference Coordinator*, at 416-979-2331 ext. 225 or toll free at 1-888-326-5347 or by e-mail: [ckuipers@icscanada.edu](mailto:ckuipers@icscanada.edu)

faculty activities



**Sylvia Keesmaat** spoke in October to Anglican clergy in the Diocese of Niagara on "Must Paul Be Read Suspiciously?" The same month she spoke to interested clergy and laypeople in Belleville and Kingston, Ontario, on "The Biblical Story: What on Earth Is this Book About?" These latter events were organized by ICS M.Phil.F. graduate Lisa Smith, who is employed by the Diocese of Ontario of the Anglican Church.

In January Keesmaat, with her husband Brian Walsh, spoke at the staff retreat of the Abbotsford, B.C., Christian School on "Bearing Fruit and Growing in the Knowledge of God: Reading Colossians at the End of the 20th Century."

Keesmaat's doctoral dissertation written in Oxford, England, has been accepted for publication by the British publisher Sheffield Academic Press. It is tentatively titled "Paul and his Story: (Re)Interpreting the Exodus Tradition."



**George Vandervelde** is visiting professor this Spring quarter at Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is teaching two courses, a core course on Doctrine of Humanity and a doctoral level course The Church in Ecumenical Discussion.



**Hendrik Hart** is recovering well from recent successful major surgery for prostate cancer. The cancer had not spread, and further lab results will determine whether he will receive additional treatment. The surgery and recuperation are found to be quite painful, but Hart is helped by his generally excellent physical condition.

**Paul Marshall's** new book *Just Politics: A Christian Framework for Understanding the Issue* was published in November by InterVarsity Press. Articles on "politics," "civil disobedience," and "nationalism" were

published in InterVarsity's new book *The Complete Book of Everyday Christianity*.

The *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* published Marshall's article "Persecution of Christians in the Contemporary World" in January. News coverage of his book *Their Blood Cries Out* continues, and to date he estimates that over 1,000 radio stations have broadcast interviews recorded with him about the book. He has recently testified before the Helsinki Commission of the U.S. Congress in Philadelphia. In the past couple of months he has spoken 18 times, including at McMaster University and Azusa Pacific University (California).



**Calvin Seerveld**, emeritus Senior Member, lectured at the January retreat of the faculty at Fraser Valley Christian High School in Vancouver on the nature of pedagogy, norms in pedagogy and the role of the school principal in the broader society. Students and faculty performed Seerveld's dramatic version of *The Greatest Song* at the school. "The Freedom and Responsibility of the Artist," an excerpt from Seerveld's forthcoming book *Bearing Fresh Olive*

*Leaves*, was published in the January issue of *Articulate*, the journal of the Arts Centre Group in London, England.



**Carroll Guen Hart** was part of a Taskforce in the Diocese of Toronto (Anglican) which discussed the pros and cons of acceptance of gays and lesbians into the Christian community as full members. The document "Common Ground", largely authored by Guen Hart, has received wide acceptance from all concerned with this vexing problem.

"Ways of Knowing"

Papers submitted by Senior members Carroll Guen Hart, Robert Sweetman, Hendrik Hart, Jim Olthuis, and Junior Member Janet Wesselius, have been accepted for a forthcoming conference at Dordt College in August, 1989.

"Ways of Knowing" is the theme of the conference which continues a series of bi-annual conferences held under the auspices of ICS, Calvin College, the Free University of Amsterdam (VU) and, since 1997, Dordt College.

from our alumni

**Bruce Wearne** (1974-75), has published a four-page review article in Australia's *Zadok Perspectives*, Spring 1997, analyzing the book *Beyond Poverty and Affluence*, by Bob Goudzwaard and Harry deLange. Wearne is on the faculty of Monash University, Melbourne.

**Lloyd Davies** (M.Phil.F. 1996) had a review essay titled "Covenantal Hermeneutics and the Redemption of Theory" published in the journal *Christianity and Literature*, Spring-Summer, 1997. In the article he reviews several books by Christian literary theorists while calling the Christian scholarly community to a "deep, sustained and humble engagement with the textual tradition of Judaism." Davies is a professor of English at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

**Chris Belcher** (M.W.S. 1996) now teaches at Master's Institute, New Zealand, where she is responsible for a graduate program oriented to the professional development of Christian teachers.



by Mike denHaan

## Generous souls amid mail woes, and good news for seniors

Most of you know that ICS lives by the generosity of a supporting community. To receive that support, however, ICS relies on the mail system. At times this means we are left quite vulnerable – as a recent Canadian postal strike highlights.

Lasting three weeks, from the end of November 1997 through the second week in December, the postal strike could have meant disaster for our receiving year-end donations through the mail, since Christmas is the most important mailed financial appeal of the year.

But ICS supporters came through. Thanks to an overwhelming response to a post-strike appeal, it looks like ICS will make up revenue that was lost during the strike, and even meet a budgeted increase in revenue (at the time of this writing, the results are still coming in)!

Also, there's some great news for Canadian seniors who want to donate and earn retirement income. The current time of low interest rates doesn't have to mean low retirement income: Annuities are a great way to beat low interest rates and donate to your favourite charity (like ICS).

An annuity is a gift that also generates income for the donor (and it's virtually tax free!). Here's a real life example (with changed names):

Mr. Smith, age 75, wanted to support the work of his favourite charity. He had \$10,000 in his bank earning very little interest, but on the interest he earned he had to pay income tax. He wanted to make the money available to charity but he also needed some income and wanted to reduce his taxes.

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He also received a receipt for \$691.00 which he could claim as a donation on his income tax form.

When Mr. Smith dies, the remaining funds (the original \$10,000 plus interest earned minus annuity payments) are made available to ICS.

This is a retirement income option that is growing in popularity, especially now when Canadian GICs are earning less than 5% interest (on which you pay income tax). Look for U.S. annuity information soon.

Consider giving to ICS with an annuity (offered in cooperation with Christian Stewardship Services—see the ad in this issue). It's a great way to support ICS and earn an income that is virtually tax free. Just call ICS, toll free, at 1-888-326-5347 and ask for either Mike den Haan (ext. 229) or John Meiboom (ext. 224).

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## Interim course builds insight

by Michael Kelly

For three weeks starting January 5 ICS graduate students and undergraduates from Calvin College met every morning to read about and discuss "Natural Law and Creation Order." This Interim course was taught by ICS senior member Hendrik Hart and John Hare, professor of philosophy at Calvin College. They had team-taught a similar course at Calvin earlier and decided to try a similar course now at ICS. It was a great experience for both students and professors.

Our readings, questions and discussions centred on what it might mean for human beings to have a law "written on their hearts," or the implications of "creation order," and how we might come to know these things, and how far we might know them. Daily discussion brought out both a diversity of viewpoints and an intensity of expression, with all students participating. Yet classes proceeded on the basis of mutual respect. As a result each one's own perspective was enlarged. All this made the class most enjoyable.

Reactions to the course were very positive, despite (or even *because* of) the difficulty of working through such themes and questions. We heard student comments like "great," "lots to chew on," and "this is crucial." Running for only three weeks made the course more intense but it also provided continuity and close bonding among the students. Our instructors said that the interaction in the class demonstrated what academic life is supposed to be. One Calvin student summarized her experience saying, "This is the beginning of an understanding."

## educational services



by Robert VanderVennen

## UPA has published 23 different books for ICS since 1983

In its December 31 report on the sales of books it copublishes with ICS, University Press of America reports that as of December 31 it has sold over 9100 copies of books ICS has produced since 1983. It has received \$166,000 in US funds for these books, many of them sold at wholesale prices. UPA produces both paperback and hard cover books.

The first of the 23 different books produced in our copublishing arrangement with UPA was *Rationality in the Calvinian Tradition*, papers from an international conference we organized, published in 1983. The most recent is *Solidarity and the Stranger*, written by ICS doctoral student Ronald Kuipers.

We send to UPA the pages of the books ready for printing, together with art work for the paperback covers produced by artist Willem Hart. Robert VanderVennen prepares these pages for publication, and most of the books published since 1990 have been set up on his computer and the master copy printed on his printer.

UPA handles the printing and binding of the books, marketing and sales. They sell books at academic conferences and by mail orders that come from brochures they produce. ICS is required to buy 100 copies of each book, and our experience is that we sell all those copies and usually about 100 more.

UPA is a nonprofit academic publisher specializing in books that will be bought by about 500 persons in a specialized market. This copublishing arrangement is supervised by the ICS Senate with a book publishing committee chaired by Hendrik Hart.

Besides these books copublished with UPA, other books written by ICS faculty members are published with trade publishers, when those publishers estimate that sales will be large enough for them to handle.

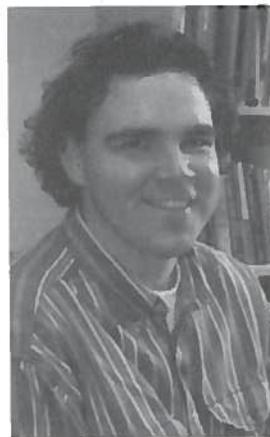
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## from our students



Michael Kelly was born and raised in Ottawa. He came to ICS this past September after serving as pastor of the English-speaking congregation in a Korean church in Ottawa for the past three and a half years. He received the Bachelor of Theology degree from Eastern Pentecostal Bible College in Peterborough, Ontario.

A person with some Scottish genes, Michael grew up in a nominally Christian family and he was converted at age 18 after searching to ground his life, receiving help from some Christian friends and from retreats he attended. His home church in Ottawa is a Chinese church, partly because his wife Connie has a Chinese heritage.

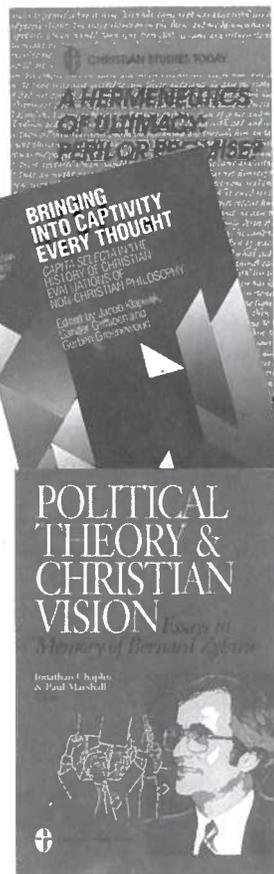
Michael is studying for the master's degree in theology with George Vandervelde, though this year he is concentrating on philosophical studies with Hendrik Hart. He came to ICS upon recommendation from some teachers in Bible college and with the

encouragement of former ICS student Darren Gingras.

Michael loves studying and finds a large challenge at ICS. He is glad that studies of philosophy and theology are very integrated at ICS. He hopes to continue serving as a pastor, but is also open to teaching and missionary work. This year is also challenging for Michael because his wife is continuing to live in Ottawa where she is studying for a master's degree in International Development.



Dong Wook Kim is a Korean pastor-theologian who came to Toronto in 1997 to study for the Master of Philosophical Foundations degree in theology with James Olthuis. He received the B.A. degree from Seoul Theological University in 1988 and the M.Div. degree in Manila, the Philippines, from the Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1993. In Manila he was also the pastor of a Filipino church. He studied in the Th.M. program in ACTS, Korea, and at Knox



College, Toronto. In addition he studied in the D. Min. program of Liberty Theological Seminary in Virginia.

Dong Wook sees himself as both a pastor and a teacher, perhaps combining these into a teaching pastoral ministry. He is pastor of the First Korean Evangelical Church in Toronto. He is delighted that his wife was able to come from Korea to join him in Toronto in mid-February.

Dong Wook struggles with the contextualization of the gospel. He is convinced that an understanding of culture is essential for a full Christian life. He is concerned that many Christians in Korea ignore the cultural setting of the gospel, and in that sense need to mature, to grow in their faith. He sees hermeneutics as a key to making the word of God concrete in our lives and in the life of the church.



**Edwin Baan** has come to ICS for one year from the Netherlands for part of his study toward the doctorate in theology from the University of Utrecht. He was helped in setting up this pro-

gram in Toronto by professor Henk Geertsma, who teaches part time at Utrecht and is a contact person between ICS and the Free University, where he teaches theology.

Edwin needs both a major and a minor field for his doctoral degree, and he has chosen to do his minor study in reformational philosophy at ICS. He is concentrating in the study of systematic philosophy with Hendrik Hart and in medieval theology with Robert Sweetman. He also took the ICS Interim course in philosophy and is studying introductory philosophy with Vaden House and human rights with Paul Marshall.

Edwin is interested in how Christianity defines itself and how it relates to culture and history. He has wanted to have an international study experience as part of his program, and is reflecting on the academic atmosphere and culture at ICS. He likes the good academic level at ICS and its orientation to current academic issues.

## Ursula Franklin stirs excitement with *Christianity and Learning Lectures* by Robert VanderVennen

**L**iving and Working as a Christian in a Scientific Community and in a Technological Society” was the subject of the two lectures given by Dr. Ursula Franklin at ICS in February.

Franklin is a distinguished Canadian scholar who is a Companion of the Order of Canada and Member of the Order of Ontario. For the past five years she has been a Senior Fellow at Massey College of the University of Toronto after retiring from the university’s department of metallurgy and materials science.

Franklin accented being a Quaker as crucial to how she sees Christianity and learning in her professional work and as a Canadian citizen. The test of religious faith is what we do on Monday; “Practice is the testimony of our faith,” she said. She called for an ongoing dialogue between faith and practice. She added that she sees no separation between the sacred and the secular.

Two variables that are very important in science show the difference between religious and secular worldviews, said Franklin. These are power and time. She stressed that we must look at time in a long frame, not just a human lifetime or until the next election. She opposes nuclear power since the decay time of radioactive materials reaches far more years into the future than we who make the decisions can think of controlling.

A key development at the start of modern western science is the separation of knowledge from

experience. No longer did you need to experience a thing yourself to know it—you could rely on the experience of others. But this has its limits, like a male physician describing childbirth.



**The test of religious faith is what we do on Monday; practice is the testimony of our faith.**

“Scientists have come to be socially-sanctioned fact-makers,” she said, but added that it is vital who asks the questions that give rise to the facts. Should one produce every fact for which a question arises?

The openness of all knowledge is the best safeguard against its misuse, said Franklin. Scientists must be very clear in their own minds how the knowledge they discover can be used. For example, a brilliant Scotch scientist quit his good job with the weather bureau because he saw that the prime user of the information he was providing was the military force.

Franklin expressed a number of misgivings about technology, including the fact that dominant technologies exclude other ways of doing things. The control that technology gives should be a concern to Christians. She emphasized that God calls us to be faithful, not to be successful.

President Harry Fernhout reminded those who attended that the lecture series was set up to bring to the campus each year a seasoned scholar who works consciously as a Christian, but in a Christian tradition different from the Reformed Christian tradition of the Institute. The 1998 lectures admirably met the goal of the series to engage in fruitful dialogue with a scholar who has deeply worked to make faith a partner of scholarship.

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