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THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF RELIGIOUS DOCTRINES AND THE MIND-BODY PROBLEM

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Papers should address the question: Which theory or theories of the mind-body relation gives the best account of the following religious doctrines?

Islamic Doctrines

1. The human-related words in Quran and their implications for materiality or immateriality of persons ("Nafs", "Rūh", "Insān", "Bashar" ...)
2. Afterlife
 - The Doctrine of Barzakh –an intermediate state between death and resurrection- (life in Barzakh, motion or change in Barzakh, transfer from this world to Barzakh, possibility of relations between people in this world and people in Barzakh, rewards and punishments in Barzakh...)
 - The Doctrine of Resurrection (identity of people in this world and the next, bodily or spiritual resurrection, A'rāf ...)
 - The Doctrine of Heaven (Peculiar characteristics of life in heaven, such as tirelessness of bodies...)
 - The Doctrine of Hell (Peculiar characteristics of life in hell, such as constant replacement of skins ...)

3. God-Human Relations (tawbah [repentance], human dignity in Quran, quality of human creation in Quran, prayers, ilhām...)
4. The Concept of God (Divine properties shared by humans, personification of God...)
5. Prophecy (revelation, miracles, kirāmāt, tawasul...)
6. Pre-life existence (The world of dhar or Day of Alast)

Jewish-Christian Doctrines

1. The human-related words in Old and New Testaments and their implications for materiality or immateriality of persons ("nehphesh", "nshahmah", "ruach", "psyche", "pneuma")
2. Afterlife
 - The Christian Doctrine of Resurrection (identity of persons in this world and the next, bodily or spiritual resurrection in the New Testament, Heaven, and Hell)
 - The Doctrine of an Intermediate State or Purgatory
3. God-Human Relations
 - The Human Nature, Sin, and Grace (Salvation in Christ, Indwelling of the Holy Spirit)
 - The Doctrine of Redemption (Incarnation, Atonement)
 - Other Doctrines: Revelation, Miracles, Sacraments, Theism and the coherence of nonphysical/incorporeal agency

Notes

- Papers can explain the above doctrines in terms of mind-body theories, such as those of Islamic Peripatetic philosophy, Illuminationism, Transcendental philosophy, theoretical mysticism, Islamic theology (Kalam), Christian-Jewish theology, and contemporary theories.
- The list is open-ended; you are welcome to write about another relevant topic
- **Send the MS Word files of your abstracts and papers through the conference website or email them to icrm2011@gmail.com**
- Write your affiliations on the first page of your abstracts and papers

- Papers should be 4000-12000 words
- The accepted papers are expected to be published in both English and Farsi

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