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INSTITUTE NOTES

OBJECTS OF THE INSTITUTE

The aims of the Royal Institute of Philosophy are to promote the study of philosophy and to encourage original work in it. The main ways in which the Institute pursues these aims are by organising programmes of lectures, by publishing a quarterly journal, by running an annual book competition, and by holding conferences. The lectures given at the Institute's headquarters, 14 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1, are published, in the January following the lecture session, as a volume in the ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY LECTURES series. In the Institute's quarterly journal, PHILOSOPHY, philosophical problems are discussed, and new books reviewed, by writers whose care it is to make themselves understood by the public at large as well as by their professional colleagues. The term 'philosophy' covers a wide group of studies, which have been differently pursued at different times. The Royal Institute of Philosophy interprets 'philosophy' as covering ethics, aesthetics, metaphysics, epistemology, logic, philosophy of science, political and social philosophy, philosophy of history, philosophy of education and the philosophies of mind and language. The Institute is not committed to any school or method, but seeks to provide a forum for the rational discussion of questions in all these fields.

The Institute welcomes as members all those who are interested in philosophical problems, irrespective of their professional qualifications.

The annual subscription to the Institute is £2 10s (\$6.50 in the U.S.A. and Canada). Members receive the Institute's journal, PHILOSOPHY, published quarterly, and may, of course, attend the lectures. The membership subscription does not cover the cost of volumes in the ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY LECTURES series, which are published by Macmillan & Co., in London, and by St Martin's Press, in New York, and are obtainable from bookshops.

There are centres of the Institute at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and the University College of North Wales, Bangor.

Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary, Royal Institute of Philosophy, 14 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY LECTURES

Copies of the ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY LECTURES, Volume I, 1966-67, *THE HUMAN AGENT*, are now on sale in the bookshops at 50s. (hardcover), 21s. (Papermac). They can also be obtained from the publishers, Macmillan & Co. Ltd., Little Essex Street, London, W.C.2. Postage is 1s. 3d. extra on the hardback edition, 1s. on the paperback.

The 1967-68 Lectures will be published in January, 1969, under the title *TALK OF GOD*. The 1968-69 Lectures are to be mainly on topics in Epistemology. Full particulars will be given in the July, 1968, number of *PHILOSOPHY*.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY ANNUAL BOOK COMPETITION

Details of the £500 Annual Book Competition were given in the January, 1968, number of *PHILOSOPHY* (page 82). Posters advertising the competition have been sent to most University Philosophy Departments in the English-speaking world. Further copies are available from Macmillan & Co., London, St Martin's Press, New York, or from the Institute.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT CONFERENCE AT SOUTHAMPTON, 26-28 SEPTEMBER, 1969

The Royal Institute of Philosophy, in conjunction with the British Society for Phenomenology, is holding a Conference at the University of Southampton over the last weekend in September, 1969. There will be six symposia, to which European philosophers will contribute, on 'Philosophical Methodology', 'Good and Evil', 'The Person', 'Freedom and Determinism', 'Aesthetics' and 'Body and Mind'. Full particulars of the Conference will be given in the January, 1969, number of *PHILOSOPHY*.

VISITING PHILOSOPHERS

Opportunities for contact with visiting philosophers (inviting them to give lectures, attend meetings, and so forth) are sometimes lost through lack of information. In future *PHILOSOPHY* will publish, in this column, information it receives about overseas philosophers visiting Britain, and philosophers in Britain visiting other countries in a professional capacity. Philosophers concerned are invited to send details (name, permanent university post, place, purpose and duration of temporary stay, etc.) to the Secretary, Royal Institute of Philosophy, 14 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1, as soon as their arrangements are completed.

To Britain

Nicholas Rescher, Research Professor of Philosophy at the University of Pittsburgh, will be visiting England from the end of April to the end of August, 1968. He will be conducting a seminar on Imperative Logic with Professor R. M. Hare, at Oxford.

John W. Yolton, Professor of Philosophy at York University, Ontario, Canada, will be spending the academic year 1968-69 in Oxford. He will lecture to the Royal Institute of Philosophy on 28 February, 1969.

Farhang Zabeeh, Professor of Philosophy at Roosevelt University, will be in London (5 Brookside Road, Golders Green, N.W.11) until July, 1968.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS. The Journal is despatched by the printers who, in the case of Members, are furnished with addressed labels by the Institute. These labels are despatched to the printers at the end of the third week of the month before the issue is due to be published. Would Members therefore please give as long a notice as possible of changes of address. Subscribers should notify their changes of address to Macmillan (Journals) Limited, Brunel Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

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Because of high printing costs, it is regretted that in future only corrections of printers' errors can be allowed in proofs. Authors are therefore asked to send any alterations, or additions, they may wish to make, to Professor Acton as soon as possible after receiving his letter of acceptance.

NOTE TO PUBLISHERS. Books intended for review should be sent to the Editor at the Institute's offices, 14 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1.

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