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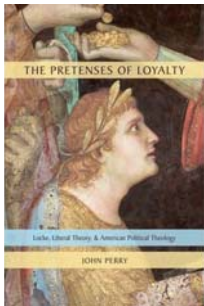
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In *The Pretenses of Loyalty: Locke, Liberalism & Political Theology*, John Perry studies the origins of our thinking on religion's public place. From the story of Antigone to debates about homosexuality and bans on religious attire, liberalism's promise to solve all theo-political conflict has proved a false hope. In the overlooked early work of Locke, Perry discovers that liberalism's founder himself opposed toleration. Liberal toleration is thus more sophisticated, more theologically subtle, and ultimately more problematic than has been supposed.

Perry concludes by suggesting where we might turn next, looking beyond our usual boundaries to possibilities obscured by the liberalism we have inherited.

Upcoming Events

24-25 May 2012: **Christianity & the Future of Higher Education**

CHRISTIAN ETHICS ENGAGES PETER SINGER

Utilitarians & Christians in Dialogue

Christ Church
University of Oxford
19-20 May 2011

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Speakers

Brenda Almond

Emeritus Professor of Moral & Social Philosophy, University of Hull

Nigel Biggar

Regius Professor of Moral & Pastoral Theology, University of Oxford

Lisa Sowle Cahill

J. Donald Monan Professor of Theology, Boston College

Charles Camosy

Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, Fordham University

David Clough

Professor of Theological Ethics, University of Chester

Eric Gregory

Professor of Religion, Princeton University

John Haldane

Professor of Philosophy, University of St Andrews

John Hare

Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology, Yale Divinity School

Brad Hooker

Professor of Philosophy, University of Reading

Tim Mulgan

Professor of Moral & Political Philosophy, University of St Andrews

Toby Ord

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Oxford

John Perry

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Esther Reed

Associate Professor of Theology, University of Exeter

Julian Savulescu

Uehiro Professor of Practical Ethics, University of Oxford

Peter Singer

Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics, Princeton University
Laureate Professor, University of Melbourne

CHRISTIAN ETHICS ENGAGES PETER SINGER

Registration Opens 0830

Welcome & Opening Remarks 0915

Utilitarians & Christians: Opening a Conversation 0930

John Perry, *Chair*

Peter Singer, "Engaging with Christianity"

Charles Camosy, "Where Might a Conversation Start?"

Coffee 1100

Caring for Animals & The Environment 1130

Steve Clark, *Chair*

David Clough, "Respecting Other Animals: Lessons for, and from, Peter Singer"

Tim Mulgan, "Climate Change: A Challenge to Utilitarianism & Christianity"

Lunch 1300

Utilitarianism, Christian Ethics & Moral Theory 1415

Keith Ward, *Chair*

John Hare, "Consequentialism & Eudaimonism"

Brad Hooker, "Utilitarian Problems: Constraints, Loyalties & Prerogatives"

Tea 1545

Utilitarians in Church? 1615

David Albert Jones, *Chair*

John Haldane, "Why Act Morally? Singer & Aquinas on Practical Reason"

Lisa Sowle Cahill, "Goods, Equality & Justice: Why Communities Matter"

Two 'Last' Words: Reflecting on the Day's Sessions 1745

Julian Savulescu & Nigel Biggar

Wine Reception, sponsored by Cambridge University Press 1800

FRIDAY

The Good Samaritan & the Shallow Pond: Global Poverty 0900

Brenda Almond, *Chair*

Toby Ord, "Taking Charity Seriously"

Eric Gregory, "'Remember the Poor': Duties, Dilemmas & Vocation"

Coffee 1030

Closing Round-Table Discussion 1100

Nigel Biggar, *Chair*

Peter Singer, Brenda Almond, Esther Reed

Close 1230