

International Conference Seeks Moral Orientation of Sciences

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Edward Haskell (5th from the right) at dinner during visit to French Family

The First International Conference on Unified Science will open at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City on November 23 under the auspices of the Council for Unified Research and Education (CURE).

According to Edward Haskell, Chairman of CURE, the thesis of the four-day conference is "Moral Orientation of the Sciences." Twenty scientists will participate, two each from Britain, France, Germany, Japan, and Korea, and ten from the United States, plus fifty observers.

The proceedings will be opened by Dr. Nicholas Kurti, "Professor of Physics at Oxford University and Fellow of the Royal Society, with a paper on "Execution of the Second Part of the Royal Society's Program of 1663: Unified Science."

They will be closed two days later by Mr. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Association for the Unification of World Christianity. Mr. Moon instigated this conference and will speak on "The Role of Unified Science in the Moral Orientation of the World." CURE was founded in 1948 at the Centenary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Its objective, announced in *Science* was assembly of the Sciences -- physical, biological, psycho-socio-political -- into a single discipline: Unified Science. This assembly job is presented to the scientific community in a book with the surprising title *FULL CIRCLE -- The Moral Force of Unified Science*. (Gordon and Breach Science Publishers. New York, London, Paris, October 1972).

A noteworthy feature of the book is that its central thesis disproves the Marxist notion that "contradiction", rather than cooperation, is dominant in the universe.

Haskell claims the book could cause a scientific revolution. He said it is "the execution of the second part of the Royal Society's program of 1663: 'The compiling of a complete system of solid philosophy; and it results in the unification of the West's two cultures, the old Literary culture and the new Scientific culture.'"

Haskell explained that the book's subtitle, "The Moral Force of Unified Science", alludes to the fact that when the-sciences are assembled systems-theoretically, the universe is shown to have a "positive value bias: it results from the preponderance of cooperation over conflict." These positive values are stressed by all the great religions, he said. The book is the expanded proceedings of a Symposium held at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, Boston, Massachusetts, 1969.

The symposium was arranged by Mr. Haskell, who is the editor of *Full Circle*. Its other authors are Harold G. Cassidy, then Professor of Chemistry at Yale; Jere W. Clark, Director of the Interdisciplinary Center of Southern Connecticut State College; and Arthur R. Jensen, Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of California at Berkeley. Jensen has been the target of severe intimidation by the SDS and other radical groups at Berkeley.

"Unification of the sciences and the Two Cultures," Haskell affirms, "is an essential condition for the delayed reorganization of our disaster-prone higher education."