

**The Role of Life in Death**  
A Symposium Sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation

Sala Ninfeo  
Hotel Castel Vecchio  
Viale Pio XI 23  
Castel Gandolfo, Italy

**5, 6, and 7 June 2013**

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

**Day 1 (Wednesday, 5 June)**

7:00 p.m. Cocktails  
*Roof Garden*  
*Castel Vecchio Hotel*  
7:45 p.m. Dinner  
*Sala Bellavista*  
*Castel Vecchio Hotel*

**Day 2 (Thursday, 6 June)**

9:00 a.m. Welcome – Mary Ann Meyers  
9:05 a.m. Opening Remarks – John Behr

*Session I*  
Perspectives from Astronomy, Chemistry, and Biology

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. Alex Filippenko: “Made of Stardust: The Origin of the Chemical Elements in Life”

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Luc Jaeger: “A Biochemical Perspective on the Origin of Life and Death”

Coffee Break 10:45 – 11:00 a.m.

11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Gregory Velicer: “Death Benefits”

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. General Discussion

Lunch 12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

*Sala Bellavista*  
*Castel Vecchio Hotel*

*Session II*

Perspective from Anthropology

2:00 – 2:45 p.m. Douglas Davies: “Immortality”

*Session III*

Perspectives from Philosophy

2:45 – 3:30 p.m. Emmanuel Falque: “Suffering Death” (Pâtir la Mort)

Tea Break 3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

3:45 – 4:30 p.m. Crina Gschwandtner: “How Do We Become Fully Alive?  
Phenomenology and Life”

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. General Discussion

5:30 p.m. Meet in lobby of Castel Vecchio Hotel for walk to Papal Gardens and Vatican  
Observatory

8:00 p.m. Dinner

*Sor Capanna*

*Corso Repubblica 12*

**Day 3 (Friday, 7 June)**

*Session IV*

Perspectives from Theology

9:30 – 10:15 a.m. John Behr: “Life and Death in an Age of Martyrdom”

10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Henry Novello: “The Formation of Being through Death: Sharing in  
the ‘Exchange of Natures’ through Christ”

Coffee Break 11:00 – 11:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m. – Noon Conor Cunningham: “Is There Life before Death?”

Noon – 12:45 p.m. General Discussion

Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

*Sala Bellavista*

*Castel Vecchio Hotel*

*Session V*

Perspectives from Medicine and Bioethics

2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Daniel Hinshaw: “The Kenosis of the Dying: An Invitation to Healing”

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Jeffrey Bishop: “Of Medical Corpses and Resurrected Bodies”

Tea Break 3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. General Discussion

*Session VI*

Afterword

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Summary and Discussion of Next Steps

Dinner 7:30 p.m.

*Ristorante Bucci*  
*via de Zecchini 31*