8:50 – 9:00 A.M.  Introduction and Welcome: Symposium Facilitator, Canon Brian Mountford, MBE, Former Vicar of The University Church of St Mary the Virgin, and Fellow of St Hilda’s College in the University of Oxford

Presenter: Robert Nelson, Professor, University of Maryland, US

9:30 – 10:00 A.M.  Topic: Pascal's Wager and its Many Misinterpretations 
Presenter: Peter Feldmeier, Professor, University of Toledo, US

10:00 – 10:30 A.M.  Topic: Reading Agnes in Early Christianity: The Changing Images of St. Agnes of Rome 
Presenter: Hiu Ki Chan, Graduate Student, Yale Divinity School, US

10:30 – 10:45 A.M.  Tea/Coffee and Biscuits

Presenter: Ben Craver, Professor, Wayland Baptist University, US
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Presenter: Marcelo Fernandes, Graduate Student, Lusofona University, Portugal

9:10 – 9:30 A.M. Return to St Hilda’s College

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Presenter: Revenendo Vargas, Assistant Professor, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines

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10:40 – 10:55 A.M. Tea and Coffee

Presenter: Kalpesh Bhatt, Graduate Student, University of Toronto, Canada

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Presenter: Oishee Alam, Research Fellow, Western Sydney University, Australia

11:15 – 11:45 A.M. Topic: Godel and the Theological Ramifications for Mormonism
Presenter: Ross Baron, Brigham Young University, Idaho, US

11:45 – 12:15 P.M. Topic: Buddha Wasn’t a Buddhist: Release is Peace
Presenter: Gary Purse, Professor, Brigham Young University, Idaho, US

12:15 – 1:15 P.M. Lunch

Presenter: McKenzie Fergus, Graduate Student, Yale Divinity School, US

Presenter: Shimata Tshinanga, Independent Scholar, Sum of Existence Calculus Center, US
Syposium Facilitator

Canon Brian Mountford MBE is former Vicar of the University Church, Oxford, and Fellow St Hilda’s College. He is also Canon Emeritus of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. He was previously Fellow and Chaplain of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and Vicar of Southgate in North London.

His bestselling book, *Christian Atheist* (2011), explores the phenomenon of those who find Christianity compelling but struggle with the metaphysical beliefs and his forthcoming book, *Friday’s Child*, is an anthology of poetry about suffering and redemption with a short commentary on each piece.

His main interests are in the area of contemporary questions of faith and doctrine, but he has diversified into other areas giving seminars on leadership and ethics in corporate life for the Said Business School and the Academy for Leadership in the Netherlands.

In 2017, he became Publisher at Large for the ‘Christian Alternative’ imprint of John Hunt Publishing.
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