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I would like to book ..... place(s) at the Alister Hardy Trust/  
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2017

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and pay at the door**

# Alister Hardy Trust and the British Teilhard Association

**Saturday 3rd June 2017**

**10.30am – 4.00pm**

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## ***Ecology, Science and Spirituality - Friends or Enemies?***

*Building on the legacy of  
Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and Alister Hardy*

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**Professor Ursula King  
and  
Professor Keith Ward**

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## Programme

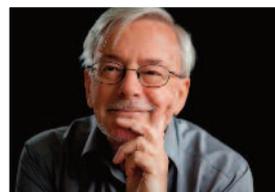
- 10.30 am Registration
- 11.00 am Welcome from Stephen Retout, BTA
- 11.15 am Welcome from Marianne Rankin, AHT
- 11.30 am **Deep Ecology and Theistic Evolution**  
**Professor Ward** will refer to the work of Alister Hardy and Arne Naess, and explore the prospects for discovering a spiritual side to evolution, the suspicion between Deep Ecology and traditional Christianity, and the move towards a less divisive view.
- 1.00 pm **Lunch** bring your own lunch or buy sandwiches nearby or enjoy local venues (tea/coffee provided)
- 2.00 pm **A Greater Love for the Earth and All Its People: Ecology and Spirituality in Teilhard de Chardin and Thomas Berry**  
**Professor King** will speak about the themes of ecology and spirituality in Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and Thomas Berry. What "Great Work" is required for the further social, cultural and spiritual evolution of humanity and a sustainable future for all life on Earth? And how far does this require a greater evolution of the transformative powers of love?"
- 3.30 pm Discussion
- 4.00 pm Close
- 4.10 pm BTA AGM

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Cost: £20; AHT/BTA members £15; students £5

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## Speakers



**Professor Keith Ward** is Regius Professor of Divinity Emeritus at the University of Oxford, Professorial Research Fellow, Heythrop College, former President of the World Congress of Faiths and a Fellow of the British Academy. He is a leading philosopher, theologian and the author of numerous books on a wide range of topics related to religious studies.

He says, "I am, by nature and conviction, an Idealist philosopher, somebody who believes in the supremacy of Spirit or Mind, and who thinks that the material universe is an expression or creation of a Supreme Mind. I see religions as very ambiguous but probably necessary ways of giving humans some awareness of this Supreme Mind. I am a Christian, and became a priest of the Church of England in 1972. But I have an interest in the many diverse ways in which humans have sought spiritual truth, and in trying to understand what these various paths may have to teach. I think the main task for religious believers today is to ensure that their beliefs are conducive to human flourishing and, so far as is possible, to the flourishing of all sentient beings; to relate ancient religious beliefs to the modern scientific world view; and to see their own faith in a truly global context."

**Professor Ursula King** STL (Paris), MA (Delhi) PhD (London), FRSA, is Professor Emerita of Theology and Religious Studies and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Bristol. She was educated in Germany, France, India and England, has lectured all over the world and contributed to many broadcasts and TV programmes. She has published widely, especially on gender issues in world religions, interfaith dialogue, spirituality, and on the French thinker Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. She has held several visiting chairs in the USA, Norway and South Africa and has been awarded honorary doctorates by the universities of Edinburgh (1996), Oslo (2000), and Dayton/Ohio (2003).



Among her earlier books are *Women and Spirituality*, *Voices of Protest and Promise* (1993); *Religion and Gender* (1995); *Christian Mystics. Their Lives and Legacies Throughout the Ages* (2001). More recent books include *The Search for Spirituality. Our global quest for meaning and fulfilment* (2009); *Teilhard de Chardin and Eastern Religions. Spirituality and Mysticism in an Evolutionary World* (2011), *Spirit of Fire: The Life and Vision of Teilhard de Chardin* (2015 second edition). She has given many lectures and workshops on Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, most recently in different parts of the USA and Europe. A revised version of her 1996 Oxford Bampton lectures has just been published: *Christ in All Things. Exploring Spirituality with Pierre Teilhard de Chardin* (2016).