

## EDITORIAL

### A New Name - A New Start

1995 marked the fortieth anniversary of the death of Teilhard de Chardin. The Fourteenth International Teilhard Conference at London Colney - "Living in the Fire of the Cross" - was one of the most successful conferences we had held over the last two decades or more. We feared for a moment that it might be our last. There was, in fact, a very real prospect of our Association coming to an end in 1995. Happily wiser counsels prevailed. The end of the year saw unanimous agreement at the Annual General Meeting to go ahead with a renewed sense of purpose and determination.

1996 marks our relaunch as The British Teilhard Association. This is more than just a change of name. This is a new opportunity. Much work remains to be done, not only to understand Teilhard, but also to build on and go beyond the ideas he developed. We want to involve our members in the life of the Association. We want the Association to be really present in the life of the local community.

The next couple of years will make or break the Association. A thriving membership is the key to our survival. Hence the need for many more members. This is where our members come in. We would ask every member to make it his or her particular aim to recruit at least one new member in 1996.

Members' subscriptions help fund Association activities. And the Association helps them to help themselves, e.g. running local activities. Volunteers are always ready to visit local groups to help organise and animate study days or workshops. Contact the Secretariat for further details.

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## NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

### Books

At the end of 1995 we reached agreement with Heythrop College in London on providing them with a number of books to complete their already extensive collection of works by and about Teilhard. This provides an ideal Central London-location with easy access for anyone travelling by bus or underground. If members would like to use the library at Heythrop they should make prior arrangements with the librarian. Further details: Michael Walsh, Librarian, Heythrop College, Kensington Square, London W8 5HQ (tel. 0171.795.4250 or fax. 0171.795.4253).

Good News for Northerners! We hope shortly to reach a similar agreement with the Bar Convent in York to provide a northern home for books by and about Teilhard. This will be welcome news to our many members and friends living in Scotland, Wales and Northern England who have been daunted by the prospect of having to travel to London. And this, of course, is fully in accord with our aim to provide ready access to Teilhard and teilhardian ideas to as many people as possible.

The Association has already donated a number of books to Professor King in Bristol. We hope to be able to offer her further books "on permanent loan" for use by her students. We are also looking into the possibility of providing books for students in the developing world.

### Bursary

Members who attended the Annual General Meeting on 18 November 1995 will know we propose providing an annual bursary of £500 to one or more students of Teilhard. We see this, above all, as a visible sign of our commitment as an Association to making Teilhard and teilhardian ideas better known both at home and abroad. Members' subscriptions go a long way towards ensuring we can continue to encourage teilhardian studies.

### Day Schools

We expect, in due course, to develop over the next twelve months a programme of day schools in York and elsewhere for people who cannot get to meetings in the London area. We should like to hear from our members with ideas for suitable topics for a day school.

## A Good Read?

It is sometimes difficult to keep up with the flood of new books on the many subjects of interest to members. John Woodcock will be sharing with us in future numbers of the Newsletter some of the books he has recently come across. If members have a book or books they would like him to mention please contact: John Woodcock, 9 Gurney Close, Caversham, Reading RG4 7LE (tel. 01734.478156).

## A Local Group?

Thinking about setting up a local group? We are often asked how one could go about organising a group. We shall be glad to help with advice and speakers. And we shall be running a special workshop at London Colney 96 which will develop ideas on how to run a local group. Further details from the Secretariat in Beaumaris.

## Newsletter

The Newsletter will be published three times a year. If members have any news or ideas that they would like to see included in the Newsletter please contact: Michael Le Morvan, Nutbourne House, Nutbourne, Chichester PO18 8SD (tel. 01243.371766 or fax. 01243.371459).

We need to know what members expect of the Association, what they would like to see in the Newsletter - and what they think they can do to help the Association spread teilhardian ideas.

## Subscriptions

Subscriptions to The British Teilhard Association are due on 1 January as follows:

° members resident in the United Kingdom

annual members: £20 per annum

life members: £400 single payment

°members resident outside the United Kingdom

annual members: £25 per annum

life members: £400 single payment

Annual subscriptions should be paid between 1 January and 31 March. All payments in sterling only. Please contact the Secretariat in Beaumaris for details about payment by standing order and deed of covenant.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Executive Committee for 1996: Siôn Cowell (Chairman), Peter Reid (Vice-Chairman), Glynis Read (Secretary), Fred Redding (Treasurer), Billy Hewett, Barbara Hogg and John Woodcock.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

2-4 February 1996. "Teilhard de Chardin and the New Cosmology" - a weekend workshop at Braziers led by John Woodcock. Further details: Braziers Adult College, Ipsden, Wallingford OX10 6AN (tel. 01491.680221).

16 March 1996. "A la découverte de l'Esprit" - a day school (in French) at the Centre Spirituel du Hautmont with André Daleux and Nicolas de Rauglaudre. Further details: Maître Bernard Casset, 56 avenue Barrois, 59700 Marcq en Baroeul, France.

19-21 April. "A Divine Milieu for the New Millenium" - Fifteenth International Teilhard Conference at All Saints Pastoral Centre, London Colney, St Albans, with Diarmuid O Murchú, David Peat, Anne Primavesi, Glynis Read and Mick Truman. Further details: Caroline Cowell-Unsworth, Plas Maelog, Beaumaris LL58 8BH (tel. 01248.810402 or fax. 01248.810936).

16 November 1996. Annual General Meeting of the Association. Further details later.

Monthly meetings. The "Centre-to-Centre Group" in Central London always welcomes newcomers. Further details: John Woodcock, 9 Gurney Close, Caversham, Reading RG4 7LE (tel. 01734.478156) or Barbara Hogg, Flat 3, 9 Hendon Avenue, London N3 1UL (tel. 0181.346.5222).

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## ENDPIECE

### Ursula King Steps Down

For professional and personal reasons Ursula King has decided to step down as President - a position she has held since 1992 in succession to the late Joseph Needham. We are grateful for what she has done for the Association in the past and wish her well in the future.

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