

The Pascal Centre



Information Summary

ABOUT THE PASCAL CENTRE

The Pascal Centre is dedicated to the promotion of constructive relations between Christian faith and the natural sciences by means of outreach and research in the light of Scripture.

HISTORY

The Centre was founded in 1988 by Redeemer College, a non-denominational Christian liberal arts university in Canada. The Director, Jitse M. van der Meer, holds a Ph.D. in biology and an M.A. in philosophy of science. He serves as a professor of biology at Redeemer College.

PROGRAMS & OBJECTIVES

Outreach

- ◆ Objective: to remove obstacles faith & science produce for each other.
- ◆ The Pascal Centre Notebook appears once a year.
- ◆ Library: 4000+ books; bibliographic database: 31,000+ entries.
- ◆ 1996 Templeton Award for Courses in Religion and Science.
- ◆ Seminars for the general public, church groups, faculty, highschool teachers, students & clergy.
- ◆ Planned: public lectures; popular publications.

Research

- ◆ Objective: to produce material for teaching & outreach.
- ◆ Focus: internal role of belief in science (phase 1).
- ◆ Active areas: historical case studies; function of belief in science; role of the Bible; creation & evolution; design in nature, models for constructive interaction of faith & science.
- ◆ Research conferences: 1992 (180 participants), 1998 (87 participants).
- ◆ 55 papers in refereed journals and books, 18 in popular journals.
- ◆ Seven books published; two more anticipated in the next few years.
- ◆ The Howard Vollum Writing Award 1996 of the Institute for Christian Leadership.

FINANCIAL POSITION

- ◆ Support: mainly private donations to the Redeemer Foundation, a tax exempt charitable organization in Canada and the U.S.A.
- ◆ Total raised: \$ 1,000,000+ since 1988.
- ◆ Annual budget: \$ 35,000.



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