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The Hermeneutics of Change in the Abrahamic Traditions

וַיֹּאמֶר יִצְחָק אֶל-אַבְרָהָם אֲבִי וְיֹאמֶר אֲבִי וְיֹאמֶר הָיָה
וְיֹאמֶר הָיָה הָאֵשׁ וְהַצֵּלִים וְאֵת הַשָּׂה לְעֵלֶיךָ.
וְיֹאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֶל-יִצְחָק לֵךְ הָשֵׁה לְעֵלֶיךָ בֵּן וְלֹאִי שָׂתִים
יִשְׂרָאֵל
(Gen 22, 7-8)

Οὐ γὰρ διὰ νόμου ἡ ἐπαγγελία τῷ Ἀβραάμ ἢ
τῷ σπέρματι αὐτοῦ, τὸ κληρονόμον αὐτὸν
εἶναι κόσμου, ἀλλὰ διὰ δικαιοσύνης πίστεως.
(Rm 4, 13)

وَمِنْ أَحْسَنُ دِينًا مِمَّنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ
وَاتَّبَعَ مِلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا وَاتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلًا
(Corano 4, 125)



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Gen 22, 8
"Isacco si rivolgerà al padre Abraham e dirà: 'Padre mio? Risponde: 'Ecco qui, figlio mio'. Il padre: 'Intendi il fuoco e la legna, ma dove è l'agnello per l'olocausto?'. 'Abraham risponde: 'Dio stesso si provvederà l'agnello per l'olocausto, figlio mio'. Proseguiranno tutti e due insieme.

Rm 4, 13
Inteso non in virtù della Legge fu data ad Abraham, o alla sua discendenza, la promessa di diventare erede del mondo, ma in virtù della giustizia che viene dalla fede.

Corano 4, 125
Chi potrebbe mai avere una religione migliore di colui che si affida interamente a Dio, fa il bene e segue la fede di Abraham, il giusto? Dio scelse lui come Abraham per amico.

PROGRAM

December 12, 2023

9.30-10.00 Opening Session

Welcoming Remarks: **Mark Lewis, SJ**, Rector Magnificus, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome

Thematic Introduction: **William A. Barbieri**, Director, McLean Center for the Study of Culture and Values, The Catholic University of America, USA

Moderator: **João J. Vila-Chã, SJ**, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome

10.00-12.00 The Sacred Texts of the Abrahamic Traditions as Sources for Historical Change

Thomas Söding (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany)

The Opened Book: Orientation in the World by Faith and Reason: A Christian Hermeneutic of Change

Ingrid Mattson (Huron University College, Canada)

Applying the 'Purposes of the Sacred Law' in the Age of Ecological Crises

Elena Lea Bartolini De Angeli (L'Istituto Superiore di Scienze Religiose, Milan)

Resources for Adaptation to New Contexts in the Sacred Texts of the Jewish Tradition

Moderators: **Joseph Levi** (Shema-Scuola di Studi e Cultura Ebraici, Florence)

Massimo Gargiulo (Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome)

12.30-14.30 LUNCH BREAK

14.30-16.30 Social, Cultural, and Institutional Contexts of Change in the Abrahamic Traditions

Leora Batnitzky (Princeton University, USA)

On the Importance of Telling Stories: Implications for Pluralism Within and Beyond Jewish Communities

Ilaria Ramelli (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan)

Strategies of Change: Historical Case Studies and the Value of Philosophical Theology

Adnane Mokrani (Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome)

The Hermeneutical Challenge in Contemporary Islamic Theology

Moderators: **Edward Alam** (Notre Dame University, Lebanon)

Federico Stella (Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome)

16.30-16.50 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

16.50-18.50 Resources for Coping with Emerging Existential Challenges in the Abrahamic Traditions

Mohammed Hashas (Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli, Rome)

Contemporary Islamic Thought and the Question of Reforms

David Meyer (Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome)

Engaging the Notion of Tikkun in Attempting to Rescue Judaism from Demographic Existential Decline and Theological Abyss

Laurent Basanese (Dicastero per il Dialogo Interreligioso, Rome)

The Challenge of Fraternity: The Imagination and Construction of Another Possible World

Moderators: **Karim Crow** (Catholic University of America, USA)

Adina Balan, CJ (Talitha Kum International Network, Rome)

18.50-19.00 Concluding Session