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Presented by:

Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria

in cooperation with

The Hussite Theological Faculty, Charles University in Prague

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MORNING SESSION

Chairperson: Christo Lombaard

8:45-9:00

Welcoming

David Biernot (Charles University in Prague & University of Pretoria)

& Jerry Pillay (Dean: Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria)

9:00-9:40

The importance of the Third Place: on the emergence of purgatory and its relevance today

Kristof K.P. Vanhoutte

The Paris Institute for Critical Thinking/University of the Free State, Bloemfontein

9:40-10:20

Medieval visionary images of the underworld: toward their re-evaluation in contemporary spirituality

Jiří Vogel

Charles University in Prague

10:20-10:30

Coffee break

10:30-11:10

Death, personhood and the individual immortality of the soul in the teachings of Thomas Aquinas and Levi ben Gershom (Gersonides)

David Biernot

Charles University in Prague/University of Pretoria

11:10-11:50

Thomas Aquinas and Hannah Arendt on suicide: characteristics of different spiritualities

Jaco Beyers

University of Pretoria

11:50-12:30

Brahman and non-dualistic spiritual experience in Shankara's *Advaita*

brima van Niekerk

University of Johannesburg

12:30-13:30

Lunch break

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chairperson: Dirk Human

13:30-14:10

Hildegard of Bingen, the doctrine of humours and ecotheology

June Boyce-Tillman

University of Winchester/ Northwest University, Potchefstroom campus

14:10-14:50

Love as “ek-stasis” in the thought of Thomas Aquinas: practical implications for a theology and culture of encounter with others

Alexander Stavrichuk

Theological Seminary Adelshofen/ Christian University of St. Petersburg

14:50-15:30

Don Yitzhak Abravanel as a critical Bible scholar

Gavin Michal

University of Pretoria

15:30-15:40

Coffee Break

15:40-16:20

Catherine of Siena: her advocacy for transformation through political engagement

Diana L. Villegas

Research Fellow, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein; independent scholar, Colombia

16:20-17:00

Madame Guyon and “Pure Love” - making love to God: reading Madame Guyon through the lense of Latin American ecofeminist and queer theologies

Kathleen M. Griffin

Red Ecu mica de Educaci n Teol gica, Buenos Aires



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