

The International Journal of Public Administration

Symposium on

"Spiritual Faith and Government Decisions"

Call for Abstracts and Papers

The International Journal of Public Administration invites manuscripts on the theme of utilizing "**spiritual faith**" as an explicit ingredient and force in making and implementing government decisions that have either ethical or moral consequences to governments, government clients, or the citizenry. "Spiritual faith" is defined broadly to include any religious perspective as long as it can point to specific moral principles as its foundation for understanding and regulating civic behavior. (In other words, we are not concerned with issues of how individuals "get to heaven," but rather relationships between spiritual faith and government decisions which regulate human interaction.)

The symposium welcomes a diversity of opinion, from a diversity of disciplines, on the use (and/or misuse) of "spiritual faith" in making government decisions. It encourages manuscripts which focus on a diversity of settings (international, comparative, nation-specific, sub-national processes and institutions, grass-roots movements to affect government decisions). It seeks diversity of concerns (e.g., "Free Exercise" decisions at a state university in, say, Mississippi; faith-based initiatives of all kinds; examinations of the role of faith in, say the urban planning processes; death row conditions in, say, Oklahoma; trials on "crimes against humanity" in Iraq; a social welfare program in Israel and/or Palestine; etc.) It also seeks diversity in conceptual framework and methodology. Philosophical, historical and contemporary "think pieces," as well as more scientific studies, are welcome.

Manuscripts will undergo the traditional double-blind review process. While journal space may limit the number of peer-reviewed manuscripts published in the symposium, all manuscripts that are conceptually sound, intellectually rigorous and can withstand the test of the double-blind review process will be considered for inclusion as chapters in a much larger book project on the same topic.

Manuscript reviewers will be tapped from membership in the (1) Religion and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, (2) Council on Faith & International Affairs; and (3) Ethics Section of the American Society for Public Administration, as well as other specialized scholars and reflective practitioners.

Deadlines for submission of proposals:

1 June 2006: a one-page abstract (**via e-mail**) detailing the proposed manuscript

1 February 2007: final manuscript (**4 hard copies and 1 disc**) due for double-blind reviews.

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