

TRANSCENDENCE & TRANSFORMATION: Understanding the mystery of human beings and their relationship to religion, spirituality, and God.

*The spiritual journey is a journey inward toward
self-awareness, salvation, enlightenment, and for
those who are touched by this mystical experience,
life becomes more meaningful and rich.*



**Friday, Sept. 23 & Saturday, Sept. 24 • 2011
at First United Methodist Church**

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BOOKS BY ANDREW NEWBERG

- *The Mystical Mind: Probing the Biology of Religious Experiences* with Eugene d'Aquili
- *Why God Won't Go Away: Brain Science and the Biology of Belief* with Eugene d'Aquili
- *Why We Believe What We Believe* with Mark Waldman
- *How God Changes Your Brain* with Mark Waldman
- *Principles of Neurotheology*

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One cannot understand religion without understanding the mind and brain, and one cannot understand the mind and brain without understanding religion.

Friday, Sept. 23

6:30pm Registration

7:00-8:30pm **WHY GOD WON'T GO AWAY**

Faith is embedded in our neurons and in our genes and it is one of the most important principles to honor in our lives.

Saturday, Sept. 24

8:30am Registration

9:00-10:15am **WHY WE BELIEVE WHAT WE BELIEVE**

We are a product of our beliefs, the intimate influences of our culture and environment that penetrate to a deep level of our psychosomatic systems. We act, speak, and think according to these deeply held beliefs and belief systems.

10:30-11:45am **HOW GOD CHANGES YOUR BRAIN**

Neuroscience cannot tell if God exists but it can record the effect that religious beliefs and experiences have upon the brain.

Noon LUNCH

1:00-2:15pm **PRINCIPLES OF NEUROTHEOLOGY**

Neurotheology combines religion, theology, and science to discover answers to the age old questions of soul, God, and free will.

.5 CEU's available for clergy from the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Fee: \$30.00 Box Lunch \$10.00 or on your own, restaurants nearby
Register for box lunch by Sept. 21 Check one ham turkey beef vegetarian

Registration

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