

Bearing Witness: Disturbing the Peace of the Secular City

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**The *Humanitas* Forum on Christianity and Culture
2010 Winter Lectures
February 19-20 (Friday & Saturday)**

Brentwood Baptist Church
Brentwood, Tennessee

February 19, 7:30 p.m. – ***“Keeping the Faith in the Dark Night of the Culture”***

In this part of the world we are unlikely to suffer physical persecution for our faith. Yet, it isn't easy to live as though God is real in a culture that lives as though He isn't. Surrounded by the dark night of the culture, must we suffer the dark night of the soul? How can we keep our lamps lit?

February 20, 8:30 a.m. – ***“The Revenge of Conscience”***

The problem of moral decline is volitional, not cognitive. It isn't that we don't know what's right and wrong, but that we know but pretend that we don't. What happens in a soul, or in a society, when we tell ourselves that we don't know what we really do?

Break – 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

February 20, 10:30 a.m. – ***“Cutting Through the Smoke of Self-Deception”***

After asking Jesus, “What is truth,” Pontius Pilate turned on his heel and walked out; he didn't ask his question to begin a conversation, but to end one. This teaches an important lesson: Some questions are real questions, but others are merely smokescreens. Is it possible to cut through the smoke?

Q&A Follows Each Lecture

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Location: Brentwood Baptist Church, 7777 Concord Road West, Brentwood, TN

Info, Map, Registration: www.humanitas.org/forum

Doors Open & Book Table: 6:30 p.m. on Friday, 7:30 a.m. on Saturday

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