

Members' Day 2007

will be on the ideas discussed in Ann Long's book:

Making God: A New Materialist Theory of the Person.

Members are advised to consult the most recent issue of the Philosophical Society Review, Autumn 2006, page 33, where they will find a summary of the book's content by the author. Reading this before Members Day will greatly assist participation in the day's discussions. The article can also be accessed online from our website at: <http://www.oxfordphilsoc.org/LatestNews.html>

Ann herself will speak, followed by Charles Brown and Alan Bailey who will present comments and criticisms. Ann will then reply and we will end with a discussion forum. The publishers (Imprint Academic) will also be present and copies of Ann's book, and many others will be available at a special 20% reduced price.

Ann Long obtained a B.Sc in economics at the LSE in 1959. Across the next 12 years, she worked as a journalist; had her three children; did various short-term teaching jobs; and studied for a B.Sc in psychology externally from London University. She then registered for a PhD in the history of psychology at Lancaster University, but abandoned it when she got a full-time teaching job at Stockport College, to teach psychology and history of science on one of the new two-year Diploma in Higher Education courses then being piloted. The course, however, did not run. And so she spent the rest of her working life, until her early retirement in 1995, teaching mainly psychology, with some history and philosophy of science, in both the higher and further education departments of the college. From 1995 until the present day, she has been working on the ideas which have now become her book *Making God: A New Materialist Theory of the Person*, to be launched on the occasion of this Members Day meeting of the Philosophical Society.

Alan Bailey studied under both J L Austin and H P Grice for his philosophy BA and B Phil at Oxford ahead of a distinguished career in the Civil Service. He is an ex-Chairman of the Philosophical Society. He aims to examine two key theses in the book: First, that a person is a linguistically structured sequence of experiences; second, that experiences are neural events in the brain. There is much to be said for the first, and something for the second - but on the latter, to avoid blinkered 'scientism', the suggestion will be that more needs saying, even at the cost of a kind of dualism.

Charles Brown retired in 1999 after careers in the military (aviation electronics) and private business. (Natural) philosophy, especially theory of morality, has been his main extramural interest for well over thirty years. He is a double ex-Chairman of the Philosophical Society. While supporting the main thrust of Ann's argument for equality, he will express doubts about both its practicability and desirability. For him, trying to achieve total equality would be a step too far.

Each of our speakers is given a relatively limited amount of time for questions of clarification, in order to allow plenty of time for questions, debate and controversy in the final two sessions.

Suggested Reading

Bermudez, J-L: *Philosophy of Psychology* (Routledge, 2005)

Boden, M: *Purposive Explanation in Psychology* (Harvard University Press, 1972)

Metzinger, T: *Being No One* (MIT Press, 2003)

Ann's publisher, **Imprint Academic**, have agreed to bring along books ordered by our members, for purchase at the special 20% reduced price. Members should email Anthony@imprint.co.uk saying what books they want, from those listed on their web site www.imprint.co.uk/books

P r o g r a m m e

8.15 am	<i>Breakfast (residents only)</i>
9.45 am	<i>Registration</i>
10.00 am	Brief Introduction, then
10.05 am	Making God: A New Materialist Theory of the Person ANN LONG
11.10 am	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
11.40 am	A new God is necessary. Is this one sufficient? CHARLES BROWN
12.30 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	Ann Long on 'Persons' ALAN BAILEY
2.50 pm	Reply ANN LONG
3.20 pm	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
3.50 pm	Panel Discussion
5.00 pm	End

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10th June
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A New Materialist Theory of the Person

Sunday 10th June 2007

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Application acknowledged by e-mail if provided.

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