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CONSULTATION ON MONOTHEISM AND EASTERN RELIGION

List of Invitees for Initial Planning Meeting

October 29, 1978

at

The Council on Religion and International Affairs  
170 East 64th Street  
New York City

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Cambridge, Mass. 02138
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7. Professor Avery Dulles  
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The National Jewish Conference  
Center  
250 W. 57th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10019
12. Professor Elaine Pagels  
Department of Religion  
Barnard College  
Broadway & 119th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10027
13. Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum  
Department of Interreligious Affairs  
American Jewish Committee  
165 E. 56th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10022
14. Professor Robert Thurman  
Department of Religion  
Amherst College  
Amherst, Mass. 01002
15. Professors Michael and Edith  
Wyshogrod  
151 W. 86th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10024
16. Mr. Philip Johnson, President  
Council on Religion and International  
Affairs  
170 East 64th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10021

Convener: Professor Peter L. Berger  
Department of Sociology  
Rutgers University

Staff: Steven Shaw, Director of the  
Radius Institute  
David Szonyi, Program Associate

MEMORANDUM  
STEVE SHAW

September 28, 1978

Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum  
The American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022



Dear Marc:

The attached note was sent to all the participants in our consultation for October 29th. I'm sending it along to you for your records despite the fact that I already know you can't be there.

Although it's still premature to mention sponsorship, in addition to the Committee, we have also involved the Council for Religion and International Affairs, the American Buddhist Society, the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard and the National Jewish Conference Center. What their roles will be is another question and something which I would like to discuss with you on a separate occasion. In any case, it may involve designing a program strategy after the consultation has completed its work a year or two from now.

In order to insure our funding from the Emet Foundation, it is important that we have a written confirmation from you of the American Jewish Committee's commitment. The Conference Center has agreed to provide up to \$2,000 and I hope that you will be able to contribute \$1,500. If budgetary limitations for this year are a factor, payment can be spread out over the next year and a half. Any individuals you might put us in touch with who could be helpful in providing additional funding, would also be very much appreciated.

MEMORANDUM  
RABBI STEVEN SHAW

September 28, 1978



Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum  
Dept. of Interreligious Affairs  
American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Marc,

I am writing you at the request of Professor Peter Berger, who would like to invite you to participate in a planning meeting to discuss his proposal for a Consultation on Monotheism and Eastern Religions, which is enclosed.

We will be getting together at the Council for Religion and International Affairs, 170 East 64th Street (between Lexington and Third Avenues) in New York City on Sunday, October 29th from ten in the morning until four in the afternoon.

This project is being sponsored by the Radius Institute, a recently-formed programming institution which in the Spring of 1978 organized the dialogue series held at the Jewish Museum and is described in the attached brochure.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you will be attending on October 29th.

Sincerely,

Steven Shaw

SS:gp  
Encl.

The Radius Institute/250 W. 57th St./Suite 216/N.Y.C. 10019  
(212) 582-6116

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Let's plan to meet after the 29th of October so I can fill you in about what went on during our first meeting. If it turns out to be useful, I'll also share the tapes of the session with you then.

Finally, please accept my best wishes for a very joyous and meaningful New Year.

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Regards,

  
Steven Shaw





## MEMORANDUM

RABBI STEVEN SHAW

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Dear Marc -

The attached material  
will keep you up to date  
on our "Consultation on Mos-  
theism and World Religions."

The latest memo (Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
summarizes a preliminary second  
planning meeting we had on December 17<sup>th</sup>  
& projects the agenda for our  
"core group" meeting on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Also included is a rather disappointed  
summary of our larger first meeting  
of October 29<sup>th</sup>. You'll be invited  
to our first full meeting - probably  
in March when Elaine Fogel of  
Baruch will present the first  
(over)

Paper on question.

I'm still waiting for  
your letter affirming the  
AJC's involvement as a  
"participating institution" &  
your ~~commitment~~ <sup>commitment</sup> of funding  
to help carry out our  
work.

I realize you're busy, but  
your letter will release matching  
funds for the Guel Foundation  
so it's particularly important.

Hope things are well.

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Steve

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Dear Marc -

I'd appreciate you  
calling me at home on  
Saturday night (or Sunday  
morning before 10 am) to

let me know if you're coming

Since this meeting will only include

the paper presenters. (201 935-7196)

Hope to see you!

Steve





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Dear Marc,

You're the most difficult person in the world outside the Lubavitcher Rebbe to reach in person, so I've finally been forced to write a letter with the hope that this may catch your eye.

Over the Summer, I was able to raise approximately \$8000 - enough to begin our Consultation on Monotheism and Eastern Religions with Peter Berger.

Our first meeting, which will involve most of the participants (approximately five presenters of major papers and ten others) will be held on Sunday, October 29 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

I hope that, as a potential sponsor, the A.J.C. would host these all-day Sunday meetings (probably eight over a two-year period) and might also provide for our meals. If this is not feasible, perhaps we could discuss a way the Committee could contribute to help meeting our costs or to help make funds available to us from other sources with which you may be in touch.

Since letters of invitation must go out almost immediately, it is crucial that I hear from you as soon as possible. You can reach me Friday at home (201-935-7196) or Monday before 1 p.m. at the Conference Center (582-6116).

Best regards,

Steven Shaw

SS:dms