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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BOULDER, COLORADO

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS INTERESTS

October 11, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

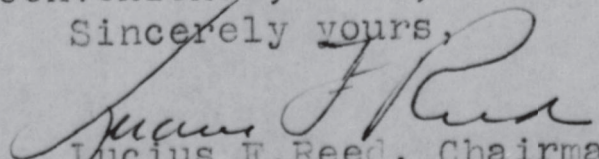
Each year at the University of Colorado we have what we call "Religious Emphasis week". For the speaker on these occasions we like to have some outstanding religious leader. Last year Dr. Bruce Curry of Union Theological seminary was here and in 1933 Dr. Charles W. Gilkey.

Many times members of our committee have expressed the desire to have you come. One of our members was a parishioner - if I may use that term - of yours formerly, and he is particularly eager to have you visit us. So the committee has instructed me to ask you if it would be possible for you to spend two days with us some time between January 15th and March 15th. If it would be possible what honorarium would you expect?

The speakers usually make three general addresses and conduct several conferences with students who are more interested in the subject of religion. Of course all shades of religious belief are represented on the campus and religion has to be dealt with with that in mind, a thing you would naturally do, I am sure, judging from your book "Changing Religion in the Modern World". I haven't that book before me and hope that I am not confusing the title with that of Dr. Randall's book with a similar title.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
Lucius F. Reed, Chairman.



November 5, 1935

Dr. Lucius F. Reed, Chairman,  
Committee on Religious Interests,  
University of Colorado,  
Boulder, Colorado.

My dear Dr. Reed:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city most of the time and my correspondence has lagged. I appreciate deeply your kind invitation to participate in your "Religious Emphasis week" and I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately Boulder, Colorado is quite a distance from here and I should have to spend almost a week coming and going and spending the two days on the campus. During my crowded year here it is quite impossible for me to absent myself from my post for so long a time. I am compelled to restrict my out of town lecture engagements to such places that are at most a night's ride from Cleveland.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes and thanking you again for your invitation, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Cleveland to Boulder, Colo.

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lv. "	1:20	p. m.	
arr. Boulder	2:30	p. m.	

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RELIGION IN LIFE WEEK

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

U. M. C. Room 334

Boulder, Colorado

December 13, 1957

Rabbi Abbav Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

On behalf of the Religion in Life Week Board of the University of Colorado, I would like to invite you to be Keynote Speaker for our Religion in Life Week, February 22 through 26, 1959.

We are in the process of what we hope will be a significant change in our set-up. The University has taken over the week and the President has appointed a Religion in Life Week Board to form basic policy and to invite the speakers. This committee consists of four faculty members, three chaplains and three students.

In order for us to make our week more vital than in the past, we want to concentrate our presentations more around the contribution that each speaker can make to the week. We would try to build the week around you, inviting as many of our speakers as possible to fit in accordingly. Father Gustav Weigel of Woodstock has already accepted as one of our major speakers and we have also invited Dr. Howard Thurman of Boston. You would be the Keynote speaker, opening the week in an auditorium which seats 2500. This speech would also be broadcast locally and therefore would reach a very large audience. Doubtlessly you would be asked to speak for some Departmental Convocations and in some classrooms. We would set up seminars and panels in which you would participate with one or two others or in which you would be the only speaker.

We would appreciate it if you would fill out the enclosed sheets, listing specific topics we might suggest for classroom or departmental assignments. The majority of our faculty members will request only those speakers qualified in some area of their own discipline as well as in religion. We would also appreciate your sending us a complete biography.

We will be able to offer a small gift of one hundred dollars in addition to travelling and living expenses.

Under separate cover is a program from last year. This may be a help in seeing the scope of our program, although we are planning some changes in the set-up of the seminars.

We will look forward to hearing from you in the near future and hope you will be able to accept our invitation.

Sincerely yours,

*Homer P. Rainey*

Homer P. Rainey, Chairman  
Religion in Life Week Board



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
ASUC SUBCOMMISSION ON SPIRITUAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
RELIGION IN LIFE WEEK  
PREFERENCE SHEET

Please mark appropriate items and  
return as soon as possible to  
ASUC Subcommittee on Spiritual  
Development  
Religion in Life Week Committee  
University Memorial Center  
University of Colorado  
Boulder, Colorado

Last Name First \_\_\_\_\_ Faith \_\_\_\_\_ Denom. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I. Type of assignments preferred. Number in order of preference. Cross out any  
definitely not wanted. Underline those very much desired. Comment freely.

<input type="checkbox"/> Bull Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/> Leading Devotions	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Conferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Discussions	<input type="checkbox"/> Panels: with set speech, questions from floor.	<input type="checkbox"/> Platform Speaking
<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty Groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Panels: with free exchange of ideas among panel mem- bers, questions from floor.	<input type="checkbox"/> Seminars
		<input type="checkbox"/> Others _____

II. Classes in which qualified. (Follow instructions given above.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> Political Science
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> International Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/> Economics	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Science (which field?)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Others _____
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III. Seminar topics preferred. (Follow instructions given above.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious Vocations
<input type="checkbox"/> Dead Sea Scrolls	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious Campus Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Courtship & Marriage
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious Commitment, Freedom & Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer & Worship
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Meaning of the Christian Faith



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\_\_\_ The Meaning of the Jewish Faith

\_\_\_ World Relatedness

\_\_\_ Comparative Religion

\_\_\_ Religious Art

\_\_\_ Faith & Reason

\_\_\_ Religion & Psychology

\_\_\_ Religion & the Humanities

\_\_\_ Religion & Science

\_\_\_ Religion & Race Relations

\_\_\_ Religion & Economic Justice

\_\_\_ Religion & Communism

\_\_\_ Religion & Ethics

\_\_\_ Religion & Higher Education

\_\_\_ Religion & Education

\_\_\_ Religion & Personal Life

\_\_\_ Others \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Special interests, requests, or suggestions. Indicate clearly how you can best be used, whether you prefer a heavy or light schedule, etc.



V. Please list topics of platform addresses, classroom lectures, seminars, etc.



December 17, 1957

Mr. Homer P. Rainey, Chairman  
Religion in Life Week Board  
University of Colorado  
U.M.C. Room 334  
Boulder, Colorado

My dear Mr. Rainey:

Permit me to thank you for your gracious invitation to address the Religion in Life Week at the University of Colorado the week of February 22nd.

I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, I am not in position to avail myself of your invitation inasmuch as I probably shall be out of the country at that time.

I hope that I may be of service to you at some future time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER