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THE HUMAN BEING: ITS NATURE AND FUNCTIONS

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In the 21st Century, we need a global examination of the human being. The privileged position which was the basis of much of western philosophy is no longer accepted by a number of thinkers. Some relevant topics pertaining to this theme are: the old nature versus nurture revisited and the relation of humans to other living beings; various world views which are based in religion; the role of myth in the various world views; the future of religion as an influence on human beliefs and values; the scientific explanation of reality; the problem with scientism; questioning various epistemological methodologies: the interconnectedness and interdependence of all life; the continued exploitation of the earth by human beings; the role of morality in human behavior; virtue theory versus duty theory, i.e., theory based on principles or rules; animal instincts, such as the sex drive, which drives procreation; overpopulation; how to plan cities, towns and farm land for the future; the effect of the global economy on human life and values; and perhaps the most difficult issue of all, namely, human knowledge from a human perspective.

Papers presented at the congress will be published in the ISUD biennial proceedings.

The deadline for abstracts is November 27, 2013. The deadline for full papers is March 5, 2014. The submitted abstracts and papers will undergo blind review. Please send a 300-500 words abstract in English by regular post or e-mail attachment in Word to:

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