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“Ultimate Questions” - Unprecedented New National Leadership Conference

The John P. Newport Foundation announced recently the launch of a new and unprecedented kind of content-oriented, two-day conference for those who are being called, “serious thinkers in Christian leadership.” The conference organizers report that the *Ultimate Questions National Leadership Conference* is an historic gathering, specifically designed for those who want the latest and best information possible on today’s key theological, ethical and philosophical questions, as those questions relate to critical issues of our day”

John Paul Newport was a Christian teacher, scholar, pastor, and statesman (1917-2000). As a philosopher-theologian-teacher, Dr. Newport taught his students to be synthesizers and reconcilers. He observed and listened to the strange voices of belief beyond the Christian orbit. Dr. Newport spoke and wrote of the biblical "worldview" before that term became popular, and he addressed the New Age Movement before it received so much attention. He dealt competently with biblical hermeneutics, Christianity and the arts, Christianity and the occult, Christianity and non-Christian religions, and Christian apologetics.

Dr. Larry Williams, Chairman of the Board of the John P. Newport Foundation, says, “This conference is a well planned response to a growing number of ministers and other Christian leaders who want respectable responses and quality, helpful answers to life’s ultimate questions.” Williams explained that the title for the conference “*Ultimate Questions*” came from Dr. John Newport’s classic work in Christian Philosophy of Religion entitled Life’s Ultimate Questions.

Dr. Frank Newport, Editor-in-Chief of the world-renowned Gallup Poll Organization and son of Dr. John Newport, will moderate a key panel of theologians and will address the first annual Newport National Leadership Conference, which highlights the life and work of his father, Dr. John Newport. Frank Newport is one of the nation’s experts on American public opinion and polling. Newport has been at the forefront of public opinion polling for more than 10 years and has answered virtually every question about where America stands on issues, how polling is done and what it means. The Gallup Poll is the

America's oldest continuous public opinion monitor, and is now conducted in a partnership arrangement with CNN and USA Today, and is syndicated by the Los Angeles Times. Dr. Frank Newport has appeared regularly on network television and radio programs as a guest expert on public opinion, politics and polling and is currently the featured analyst on the Gallup Poll segments on CNN.

Dr. Russell Dilday, former president of Southwestern Baptist Seminary and one of the over 40 high-profile "*Ultimate Questions*" conference leaders, says, "The overwhelming crises facing the world in 2004 raise urgent questions of eternal significance. The conference will offer ministers, teachers, and lay leaders timely Biblical help in addressing these ultimate questions of 2004."

The Newport Foundation's first annual National Leadership Conference will be held in Arlington, Texas at the First Baptist Church on Thursday and Friday, April 29-30 and is being positioned as something new and different from the rest. The conference will feature some of America's most well-known Christian leaders who believe we need a new and different kind of conference. Williams says, "In light of 9/11, the war on terrorism and other significant contemporary issues, this conference will appeal specifically to the busy minister, educator, student, Bible teacher, administrator or layperson who is looking for intellectually-responsible and biblically-sound answers for today's toughest questions."

General and breakout sessions will deal with some of today's toughest personal, theological and philosophical questions such as: Where was God on 9/11? When terrorists kill the innocent, where is God? How are we to respond to people of other religions? Is the Bible relevant for the modern mind? What about biblical authority? How does the biblical worldview relate to contemporary music, worship styles, the arts and culture? How do we relate faith and the supernatural to an age of science? Where does faith fit in modern medicine?

For information or to register for the "*Ultimate Questions*" Conference visit www.NewportFoundation.com or call the conference director, Phyllis Nichols at 210-846-4192.