

# Roy Abraham Varghese

## About the Author

**R**OY ABRAHAM VARGHESE is the author of the new book *The Wonder of the World: A Journey from Modern Science to the Mind of God*, to be published in February, 2004 by Tyr Publishing.

Varghese was born in the state of Kerala, India on November 14, 1957. Kerala has for two thousand years been the home of Jewish, Christian, Hindu and Moslem communities. The Apostle Thomas is believed to have visited this part of India where he established a Christian community. Kerala is also the home of one of the pre-eminent Hindu philosophers, Sankaracharya. Varghese grew up in the mountains and jungles of Kerala that have often been featured in *National Geographic* magazine. He received a graduate degree in liberal arts from Madras University and another graduate degree in Journalism from Baylor University in Texas in 1982. He was Director of Operations of the International Academy of Philosophy in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. He currently resides in a suburb of Dallas, Texas.

Varghese has organized several conferences of philosophers and scientists. One conference held in Dallas in 1985 included debates between prominent atheists and theists from different disciplines. He also organized the conference "Artificial Intelligence and the Human Mind" held at Yale University in 1986. He was a participant in the Science and Religion panel of the 1993 Parliament of World Religions held in Chicago and an invitee and participant in the Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders held on August 28, 2000, at the United Nations.

He is the editor/author of various books on the interface of science, philosophy and religion, including *Cosmos, Bios, Theos* (Open Court, Chicago, 1992, co-editor Henry Margenau), described in *Time* magazine as "the year's most intriguing book about God" and widely reviewed in technical and popular publications including *The Science Teacher* and *Foundations of Physics*; the book included contributions from 24 Nobel Prize-winning scientists. He also co-edited *Cosmic Beginnings and Human Ends* (Open Court, Chicago, co-editor Clifford Matthews), winner of a Templeton Book Prize in 1995 and edited *Great Thinkers on Great Questions* (OneWorld, Oxford, 1998) and *Theos, Anthropos, Christos* (Peter Lang, New York, 2000), a volume in the *American*

*University Studies in Religion* series. He authored *God-Sent* (Crossroads, New York, 2000) and *God-Fleshed* (Crossroads, New York, 2001).

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Varghese was once an atheist and came to accept the existence of God through his encounters with science and philosophy and his dialogues with numerous thinkers of various persuasions.

He has been actively involved in discussions with scientists, philosophers and theologians. Several of the most prominent thinkers in the world have participated in conferences organized by Varghese or contributed to books he edited.

Atheist participants include Antony Flew, the best-known atheist in the English-speaking world, Sir Alfred Ayer (Oxford), a pioneer of Logical Positivism, and Marvin Minsky (MIT). Theist participants include Alvin Plantinga (Notre Dame), J.R. Lucas (Oxford), H.D. Lewis (University of London), Richard Swinburne (Oxford), Ralph McInerny (Notre Dame)—all of whom have delivered the internationally renowned Gifford Lectures. Others include William P. Alston (Syracuse), Brian Leftow (Oxford), John Haldane (University of St. Andrews), Bernard J.F. Lonergan (described as "the finest philosophic thinker of the 20<sup>th</sup> century" in *Time* magazine), Bede Griffiths and Illtyd Trethowan. Among Hindu thinkers, he has worked with such luminaries as B.N.K. Sharma, C.T.K. Chari, Raj Mohan Gandhi and Swami Agnivesh.

Scientist collaborators include Henry Margenau of Yale (Eugene Higgins Professor of Physics and Natural Philosophy and colleague of Einstein, Schroedinger and Heisenberg), Sir John Eccles (winner of the Nobel Prize for his work on the brain), Eugene Wigner (Nobel Prize winner in physics), Robert Jastrow, Director, Mount Wilson Observatory and others.

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