



*British Association
of Christians in
Psychology*

17th Annual BACIP Conference 2007

*Why would anyone believe in God? A
Christian view of evolutionary psychology*

2 – 4 March 2007

All Saints Pastoral Centre, St. Albans

Distinguished speaker: Justin Barrett, Ph.D. (University of Oxford)

Sunday service speaker: Fraser Watts, Ph.D. (University of Cambridge)

Booking forms and further details available from www.bacip.org.uk. Other details available from BACIP Administrator, Mrs. Janet Jackson, at conference@bacip.org.uk or on 0116 230 1057.

Friday March 2

17.00 onwards	Registration
19.00	Dinner
20.15	Welcome, introduction – Nicholas Gibson Worship – led by Emma Keane
20.45 – 21.45	Keynote address 1 – Justin Barrett: <i>From academic life to Young Life and back: My journey as a Christian psychologist (so far)</i>
21.45	End

Saturday March 3

- 08.30 Breakfast
- 09.00 Registration
- 09.30 **Worship** – led by **Emma Keane**
- 10.00 – 11.15 **Keynote address 2 – Justin Barrett:** *Why would anyone believe in God? A cognitive and evolutionary answer*
- 11.15 Morning coffee
- 11.45 – 12.45 **Parallel sessions** — choose from:
- (a) **Eduardo J. Echeverria** (Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, MI): *Sensus Divinitatis, proper function and belief in God: Reflections on Alvin Plantinga's religious epistemology*
 - (b) **Rukhsana Arshad** (University of Leicester), **Martyn Baker** (University of East London), **Julia Little** (South London and The Maudsley NHS Trust) **Sarah Longbotham** (University of Leicester): *Religious beliefs and clinical psychology: Qualitative research workshop*
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.15 Free (*afternoon walk in the grounds will be organized*)
- 15.15 Afternoon tea
- 15.45 – 16.45 **Fraser Watts:** *Christian belief in evolutionary context*
- 17.00 **BACIP 2007 Annual General Meeting – Martyn Baker**
- 17.30 **Act of worship – Fraser Watts, Emma Keane**
- 17.45 End of Saturday conference proceedings
- 18.30 Dinner, followed by 19.30 informal groups and 20.00 social time (*as previous Conferences, in suitable local hostelry*)

Sunday March 4

- 08.30 Breakfast
- 09.30 – 10.30 **Keynote address 3 – Justin Barrett:** *Evolutionary psychology and faith: The Good, the Bad, and the Nonsense*
- 11.00 **Service of Worship** (incl. *Holy Communion*) – **Emma Keane, Fraser Watts**
- 12.30 **Farewell – Nicholas Gibson**
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Depart