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The Fifteenth Annual

WILLIAM M. GREEN
DISTINGUISHED CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR
LECTURE PROGRAM

October Twenty-Fourth, Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Four
Smothers Theatre
7:30 p.m.



WILLIAM AND RUBY GREEN

William McAllen Green (1897-1979) enjoyed two teaching careers that spanned nearly six decades. He was professor of classics at the University of California, Berkeley, from 1927 to 1962, and he was professor of ancient Christian literature at Pepperdine University from 1962 to 1974.

Dr. Green was born in Southern California and attended high school in Northern California. He was educated at the University of California, Berkeley (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.), where he was awarded his doctorate in 1930 for research on Augustine's *City of God*.

William Green and Ruby Lanier were married in Berkeley by T. B. Larimore on April 20, 1928. Theirs was the first wedding performed in the new church building at Prince and Fulton. Their home in Berkeley, affectionately known as the "Green Hotel," was always a haven for Christian students, ministers, and missionaries-on-leave. The Greens were blessed with three children and nine grandchildren.

One of Dr. Green's major contributions to the church was his support of Christian education. When Pepperdine launched its M.A. program in religion in 1944, Dr. Green assisted the young college by agreeing to teach on its summer school faculty. On other occasions, he was a visiting professor at Harding University in Arkansas, Abilene Christian University in Texas, and Florence Bible School in Italy. He also served for one year as the dean of Ibaraki Christian College in Japan.

In the midst of his busy career, Dr. Green found the time to fulfill the duties of an elder in the church. He served in this position of responsibility for nearly forty years.

THE WILLIAM M. GREEN LECTURES

Pepperdine University firmly believes that one of the finest services it can offer students is to bring distinguished Christian scholars to the campus. The University was, therefore, pleased to announce the initiation of the William M. Green Lectures in the 1980-81 school year, a program which brings an outstanding scholar from the Church of Christ to the Malibu campus each year.

Modeled after such excellent lecture programs as the W. B. West Lectures at the Harding Graduate School, the Wilson-Morris Lectures at Lubbock Christian University, and the Staley Lectures at Abilene Christian University, the William M. Green Lectures provide a forum for the advancement of Christian scholarship.

Dr. William M. Green was well known as an authority on Augustine and was selected to edit and translate Augustine's *City of God* for the Loeb Classical Library. He also edited a number of Augustine's treatises for the Vienna Corpus of the Latin Fathers. Out of his immense background in Greek and Latin literature, he published a wealth of articles in various scholarly publications.

One of Dr. Green's finest contributions to Christian scholarship was his involvement with the *Restoration Quarterly*. He was one of the founding editors of this journal in 1957, and through the years it carried many of his articles and reviews on ancient church history.

It is most appropriate that this lecture program perpetuates the memory of William M. Green, a true Christian scholar. His impressive academic achievements were always tempered by his own personal humility. As E. W. McMillan has said, "For about forty years I knew Dr. William Green as a family man, a teacher, a preacher, and a scholar. No one made larger tracks than he made. And yet, the most overpowering heritage he left to others was his humility."



ANTHONY LEE ASH

Dr. Anthony Lee Ash was reared in Eugene, Oregon and attended the University of Oregon for two years. He earned the B. S. in Speech from Florida State University, the M. A. in Old Testament Studies from Abilene Christian University, and the Ph.D. in Church History from the University of Southern California. He taught on the religion faculties of Abilene Christian University (1962-1972), Pepperdine University (1972-1975), the Institute for Christian Studies (1975-1985), and Abilene Christian University again from 1985 to the present.

In addition to his teaching career, Dr. Ash has been involved in evangelistic work in over 35 states and 8 foreign countries. He has held over 400 meetings and extended lectureships, and he has spoken on the campuses of more than 45 colleges and universities.

Dr. Ash served as preaching minister for Churches of Christ in Abilene, Texas (1963-1972), Malibu, California (1972-1975), and Austin, Texas (1979-1982). He was the minister of the Eleventh and Willis Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas from 1985 to 1989, and has been the minister of the Minter Lane Church of Christ in Abilene since 1989.

Along with his heavy schedule of teaching and preaching, Dr. Ash has published numerous articles in religious publications and has authored ten books. His books include: *Prayer, Decide to Love, Commentary on Luke* (2 volumes), *Commentary on Acts 1-12, Commentary on Psalms* (with Clyde Miller), *The Word of Faith, Dealing with Divorce, Commentary on Jeremiah and Lamentations*, and *Commentary on Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon*.

Dr. Ash is married to the former Barbara Bailey, and they make their home in Abilene, Texas.

PROGRAM

Welcome.....David Davenport
President
Pepperdine University

Invocation.....Timothy Jang
Senior Math and Biochemistry Major
Pepperdine University

Introduction of Special Lecturer.....Thomas H. Olbricht
Chairman, Religion Division
Pepperdine University

Special Lecture
"C.S. LEWIS: A PLASTER SAINT?"
DR. ANTHONY LEE ASH
Professor of Biblical Studies
Abilene Christian University

Remarks and Announcements.....Jerry Rushford
Associate Professor of Religion
Pepperdine University

Benediction.....Stuart Love
Professor of Religion
Pepperdine University

Reception.....The Mallmann House
Executive Vice President's Residence

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"The Challenge of Christian Ethics"

Dr. Frank Pack, October 27, 1981
"One Hundred Years Since Westcott and Hort, 1881-1981"

Dr. Carl Mitchell, October 21, 1982
"The Place of Self in Biblical and Psychological Perspective"

Dr. W. B. West, Jr., October 25, 1983
"The Need for Christian Scholarship"

Dr. John F. Wilson, October 23, 1984
"Digging Up Capernaum—Jesus' Own City"

Dr. Howard A. White, November 12, 1985
"The Spiritual Heritage of Pepperdine University"

Dr. M. Norvel Young, October 28, 1986
"The Living Word for the Five Billion"

Dr. Thomas H. Olbricht, October 27, 1987
*"Reflections on the Intellectual Heritage of Pepperdine in the Light of
Allan Bloom's The Closing of the American Mind"*

Dr. James E. Priest, October 25, 1988
"Resurrection: Faith or Fact?"

Dr. Jerry Rushford, November 6, 1989
*"A Road Beaten Hard: The Enduring Legacy of
Dr. William McAllen Green, 1897-1979"*

Dr. H. Douglas Dean, October 30, 1990
"Science and Religion: Antagonists or Partners?"

Dr. David Davenport, October 29, 1991
"An Uneasy Relationship: The Church in a Post-Modern World"

Dr. Richard Hughes, November 9, 1992
*"Getting It Together: Academic Rigor and Cultural Pluralism
in a Christian University"*

Dr. J. J. M. Roberts, October 25, 1993
"The Divine-Human Contract: Theologies of Covenant in the Old Testament"

Dr. Anthony Lee Ash, October 24, 1994
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